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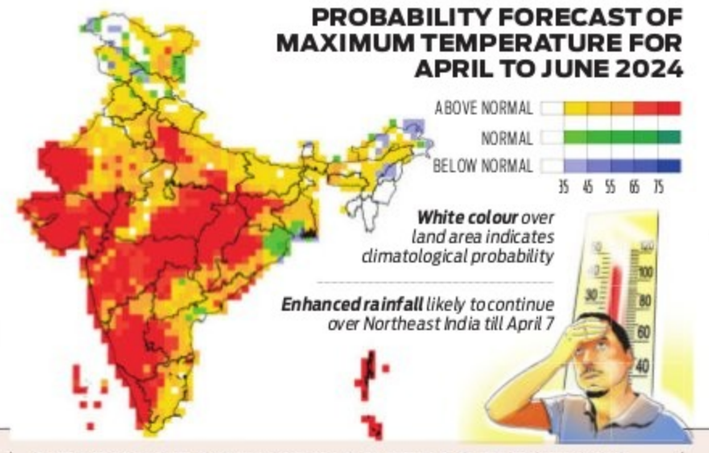
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EXTREME HEAT PREDICTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM APRIL TO JUNE

IMD expects Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, west MP, AP & north Karnataka to be worst affected by the heat wave from April to June

WHEAT CROPS NOT TO FACE BRUNT OF HEAT

Harvest-ready wheat crop may not be impacted by the heat wave. There is no warning for wheat producing states, except Madhya Pradesh, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said. About 90% of wheat harvest is over in Madhya Pradesh. This year, wheat production is expected to be around 114 million tonnes, according to government data

HEAT WAVE COINCIDING WITH LS ELECTIONS

- Union minister for Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju said all stakeholders, including state governments, are preparing in advance for the Lok Sabha polls to go smoothly taking into account the heat wave
- El Nino conditions are weakening and La Nina conditions are likely to set in by the second half of monsoon season | P9

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BIG RESERVOIRS HAVE SEEN STORAGE DROP BELOW 10-YEAR AVERAGE THIS YR

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In relief for Cong, govt puts off tax recovery till July

I-T dept tells SC that it won't take coercive action against the party till LS polls are over

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to the Congress, the income tax department on Monday informed the Supreme Court that it would not take any coercive action against the cash-strapped party with regard to tax demands till the Lok Sabha elections are over.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the tax department, made the undertaking before a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih, which was hearing an appeal by the Congress against a 2016 judgment of the Delhi High Court. In the appeal, the party had moved an interim application seeking a stay of the recent demand notices by the tax department.

"Issues which arise in these appeals are yet to be adjudicated upon. But having regard to the prevailing situation, the department does not wish to precipitate matter inasmuch as no coercive steps shall be taken by the department over the demand of 3500 crores approximately till the next date of hearing," Mehta said.

The SC bench recorded the SG's undertaking and posted the matter to the second week of July for further hearing.

According to the Congress, it has received multiple notices from the tax authorities for a total demand of ₹3,567 crore (including penalties and interest) for discrepancies in income tax returns for previous years. It also accused the BJP government of resorting to 'tax terrorism' to financially cripple the principal opposition party ahead of the crucial Lok Sabha polls.

The unexpected statement by the SG took Congress' counsel senior advocate A M Singhvi by surprise, who acknowledged the gesture as 'gracious'.

"You (Congress) should not perceive negative about someone all the time," Justice Nagarathna orally remarked.

"I am rendered speechless and very few times I am," Singhvi responded.

'LEVEL-PLAYING FIELD'

Congress leader Vivek Tankha, who is also fighting the case for the party before the income tax authorities and the Delhi High Court, said the party can now expect a level-playing field

IN THE SC

BK LAKSHMIKANTHA @ Mandya

CONGRESS candidate for Mandya LS seat Venkataramane Gowda aka 'Star' Chandru is one of the richest candidates in Karnataka with assets worth Rs 223 crore.

Congress' Bengaluru Rural candidate DK Suresh has declared assets worth Rs 593.04 crore. Gowda and his wife Kusuma Krishnegowda own eight commercial buildings and nine residential buildings worth Rs 190 crore in Bengaluru. Gowda, 59, is a BSc graduate from Bangalore University. He owns Star Infratech and has declared Rs 29.94 crore worth movable assets, Rs 149 crore worth immovable assets and developed property with a cost of Rs 44.22 crore.

Gowda has only Rs 1.80 lakh in cash and has no jewelry and valuables. He has Rs 29.94 crore in his bank accounts. He has bank loans of Rs 15.66 crore and Rs 15.71 crore.

Gowda owns land worth Rs 99.36 crore, commercial buildings worth Rs 80.72 crore and residential buildings worth Rs 57.03 crore. P4

YATHINDRA GETS EC NOTICE OVER SHAH COMMENT

Mysuru: The Election Commission has served notice to former MLA Yathindra Siddaramaiah for making derogatory remarks against Home Minister Amit Shah. At a Congress workers' meet at Hanur on March 28, Yathindra had called Shah a "gunda". Legislative council members Ravikumar and Chalavadi Narayanaswamy had lodged a compliant with the Election Commission.

'Mysuru Maharaja' doesn't own car, house, has ₹1L cash

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CONTRARY to expectations of opulent estates and fleet of vehicles, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the scion of erstwhile Mysuru royal family, doesn't even have a house, car, or a bike in his name. In his 22-page election affidavit, the BJP candidate for Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat has revealed that he has only ₹1 lakh cash in hand, while his wife has ₹75,000. He has deposits and investments through shares in several companies and trusts, including Bherunda Foundation, Mahisuru Royal Heritage Hotels Palaces, Resorts and Spas Private Ltd., amounting to ₹1.36 crore. P4

CM SAYS EXCISE SCAM ACCUSED VIJAY NAIR HAD LIMITED INTERACTION WITH HIM

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at a city court in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Kejriwal evasive, claims ED; sent to Tihar by court

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was on Monday placed under judicial custody for 15 days by a city court and lodged in Tihar jail.

The order came after the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) custody ended. It did not seek further remand but pressed for Kejriwal's judicial custody in its application. Describing him as a highly influential person, the ED said there is every likelihood that he would influence the witnesses and tamper with evidence if he is released.

Speaking to reporters before entering the court, the chief minister said, "Whatever the prime minister is doing (referring to his arrest) is not good for the country."

The ED's lawyer S V Raju claimed that Kejriwal was not cooperating and was giving evasive replies. "Kejriwal did not also give the passwords of digital devices," Raju said.

In its application for judicial custody, the probe agency cited Kejriwal's claim on Vijay Nair, ex-communications in-charge of the party, to assert that he was evasive and giving misleading replies. Kejriwal claimed he had "limited interaction" with Nair, adding the latter used to report to AAP leaders Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj and not to him.

But the ED said Nair stayed in a Cabinet minister's bungalow and worked from the Camp Office of the CM. "It was also put to the arrestee to explain why would someone who reported to other leaders of the AAP, work from his Camp Office, which anyways is meant for the work of the CM of Delhi and not for the party," the ED said. But Kejriwal claimed he was unaware of who all work at the CM's Camp Office.

During the ED's custody, the CM was confronted with different WhatsApp chats showing the involvement of Nair in the excise policy scam. But Kejriwal questioned the authenticity of the digital evidence shown to him.

Requests special diet, medicines, books

Kejriwal's counsel moved applications seeking permission for the CM to have a special diet, medicines, books and a religious the locket while at Tihar. He sought three books — *Bhagwad Gita*, *Ramayana*, and *How Prime Ministers Decide* by senior journalist Neerja Chowdhury

LODGED IN JAIL 2, ACCESS TO VISITORS TWICE A WK

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was on Monday lodged at Tihar's Jail No. 2 where 90% of the inmates are convicted criminals. Of the 650-odd inmates in Jail No. 2, nearly 600 have been convicted, well placed sources said.

There are around 650 CCTV cameras in the central jail where Kejriwal has been lodged.

He can watch television — except during designated prison activities — about 18 to 20 channels covering news, entertainment and sports. There will be no specialised services for the CM. He will have to sleep in his barrack either on the floor or a cemented platform.

Technically, Kejriwal is not barred from functioning as CM. But how he would be able to do so remains to be seen as he can have visitors only twice a week.

A former Tihar official said it would be extremely challenging for Kejriwal to run the government from jail. "There needs to be a dedicated support system for the CM. Currently, none of the 16 jails has the necessary infrastructure to accommodate a chief minister's office," he said.

Prison routine

Kejriwal will have to follow the prison routine of breakfast at 7 am for which the menu is tea, biscuit, daliya (porridge) and bread. Lunch around 11 am. From 12 pm to 3 pm, the ward remains closed. Dinner around 6.30 pm usually comprises a dal and one vegetable, roti or rice

26% GROWTH

With ₹13K cr, K'taka ranks 2nd in GST collection

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection has crossed Rs 13,000 crore, second only to Maharashtra.

Its impressive 26% growth is the highest among the five largest states.

Karnataka's nearest competitors Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and erstwhile Andhra Pradesh consisting of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, lagged far behind in overall collection and growth percentages.

In GST collection, Karnataka ranks second in the country, next only to Maharashtra with Rs 27,688 crore. However, Maharashtra is double the size of Karnataka.

Gujarat's GST collection stood at Rs 11,392 crore, Tamil Nadu at Rs 11,017 crore and the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh with Rs 9,481 crore. Andhra Pradesh's case proves the adage that divided they fall.

Experts said that united Andhra Pradesh used to be a more formidable economic force.

Karnataka GST for the year ended March 31 stood at Rs 13,014 crore. The comparison with last year's GST collection, which was only Rs 10,360, showed a steep 26% growth.

Bug invasion: Contaminated water triggers cholera in B'luru

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AMID heat waves and water crisis, cases of cholera triggered by contaminated water have surged by 40% in Bengaluru, as reported by government and private hospitals.

Many private hospitals in the city, which used to record one or two cases of cholera in a month, recorded six to seven cases in less than two weeks in March.

Health experts said people who tested positive for cholera ate food in small eateries. With the city facing a severe water shortage, eateries might have compromised with the quality of water.

Dr Ramesh GH, Head of Emergency and Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, said, "Consumption of street food such as "panipuri", juice and other items is the reason for such diseases. Contamination of drinking water is another significant factor." P2

EXPRESS READ

Supreme Court notice on full VVPAT slip count

New Delhi: The apex court on Monday issued notices to the Centre and ECI on a plea seeking a complete count of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slips in polls as opposed to the current practice of verification of only five randomly selected EVMs through VVPAT paper slips. The petition filed by activist Arun Kumar Agrawal challenged the EC's guideline that mandates that VVPAT verification be done sequentially, causing undue delay.

Katchatheevu: Jaishankar blames Nehru, Indira, MK

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday continued to keep the pressure on the Congress and the DMK over the ceding of Katchatheevu in the Palk Strait. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar accused Congress prime ministers Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi of being indifferent towards Tamil Nadu fishermen's rights and giving it away to Sri Lanka.

At a media interaction in the BJP headquarters, Jaishankar said, "For Pandit Nehru, Katchatheevu was a 'little island of no importance'. That's why he considered the Katchatheevu issue a "nuisance' and never wanted the issue being raised on the floor of Parliament again and again." Jaishankar quoted Nehru as having said, "I attach no importance at all to this little island and I would have no hesitation in giving up our claim to it. I don't like matters like this pending indefinitely and being raised again and again in Parliament." As for Indira Gandhi, the island was a little 'rock', he said.

Responding to opposition barbs on the timing of the controversy, he said it is an ongoing issue. The ceding of Katchatheevu has resulted in more than 6,000 Indian fishermen being detained and 1,175 fishing vessels seized by Lanka in the last 20 years.

Taking an aim at DMK, he said Congress had kept the regional party in the loop over giving the island away to Lanka. "The available records exist of the then foreign secretary keeping then TN CM M Karunanidhi fully informed of the talks between the two countries. Ironically, the same people who connived at all this are today standing up and trying to pretend to be champions of fishermen," he charged. P9

CONGRESS POSER

The MEA under the watch of the then foreign secretary, S Jaishankar, said in 2015 in response to a RTI query on Katchatheevu, "This (Agreement) did not involve either acquiring or ceding of territory belonging to India since the area in question had never been demarcated. Under the Agreements, the Island of Katchatheevu lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line." Is he disowning the 2015 RTI response now, asks Congress leader Jairam Ramesh

Cafe blast: NIA in hot pursuit of conspirator

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

ABDUL Matheen Taha, 30, the fugitive terror accused and allegedly the key conspirator in the Bengaluru cafe blast case, is reportedly at the centre of the conspiracy behind the March 1 IED blast.The National Investigation Agency (NIA) last weekend released photographs and details of the main accused, Mussavir Hussain Shazib, 30, and Taha and also announced Rs 10 lakh reward each for information leading to their arrest.This is the second time that the NIA has announced a bounty on Taha. In May 2020, the central agency announced a reward of Rs 3 lakh on information leading to his arrest in the Al-Hind IS Bengaluru module case (RC-4/2020/NIA/DLI), which is said to be behind the murder of a Hindu leader in Tamil Nadu.

Abdul Matheen Taha

Taha is a graduate and originally from Chitradurga, but he moved from there to stay with his mother, who is from Thirthahalli. According to sources, he was radicalised by a handler, who is suspected to be overseas. "He in turn allegedly radicalised around a dozen Muslim youth from Thirthahalli. Taha is allegedly at the centre of all terrorist activities in Karnataka since 2019, when 'Al Hind IS' - an ISIS-inspired-terror-group was reportedly formed by accused Mehboob Pasha of Bengaluru, Khaja Moideen alias Jalal of Cuddalore, TN, and their associates. The module is said to be involved in the murder of the Hindu leader in Tamil Nadu. Taha has allegedly appeared as the common thread in the subsequent terrorist cases in Karnataka, from the Mangaluru terror graffiti case in November 2020; stabbing of Prem Singh in the communal clashes over the unveiling of a poster of Savarkar in Shivamogga on August 15, 2022; burning of the national flag in September 2022 near the Tungabhadra river and the pressure cooker blast in an autorickshaw in Mangaluru. P5

Karnataka ranks third in registration of electric vehicles

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is seeing a steady rise in the number of electric vehicles' (EV) registration. From 2020-21 to 2023-2024, the registration of electric vehicles witnessed a whopping 1,275% growth.

According to transport officials, Karnataka ranks third in the country in the number of electric vehicles. Uttar Pradesh tops the list, followed by Maharashtra in the second position.

From 1,922 e-vehicles in 2017-18, the number increased to 1,59,428 in 2023-2024 (till March 25). The vehicles include two-wheelers, three-wheelers and cars. In all, there are 3.4 lakh e-vehicles in the state with 2.98 lakh two-wheelers, 23,516 four-wheelers and 18,246 three-wheelers.

"When e-vehicles were introduced, there were not many takers. People were not sure of the performance of e-vehicles and were also worried about charging stations. In 2017-18, there were only 1,922 e-vehicles. Of them, 97 were two-wheelers, 1,589 three-wheelers and 236 four-wheelers. However, with the setting up of charging stations in towns and cities and many e-vehicle players in the market, the number of such vehicles increased in the state," Gnanendra Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Transport, said.

The other reasons for the jump in the number of e-vehicles are the Karnataka government is providing tax exemption to such vehicles (except the ones that cost more than Rs 25 lakh) and the environmental concern among the people.

Among the electric vehicles registered in 2023-2024, two-wheelers top the list with 1,40,327, followed by 13,667 cars and 5,434 three-wheelers.

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• Nakshatra: Purvashada 6.22 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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FORECAST sunny.

Sunrise 06.15 am
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 12.44 am
Moonset 12.13 pm

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IN 3 MONTHS, ELEVATED ROAD TO FREE UP SILK BOARD JN

Stretch to benefit vehicles coming from BTM Layout to KR Puram, Ragigudda to KR Puram, Ragigudda to Electronic City

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE choc-o-bloc scene at the Central Silk Board junction is going to have a major relief soon. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited is gearing up to throw open the 3.3-km road from Ragigudda to Central Silk Board in June.

The signal- free elevated road is a part of the double decker flyover being readied at Ragigudda. A senior official told TNIE, "Vehicle users along three different routes stand to benefit when the road is thrown open - those coming from BTM Layout to KR Puram, Ragigudda to KR Puram and Ragigudda to Electronic City." They can all bypass signals enroute which create a massive waiting period.

The previous period specified for the launch of this road was the end of May. Over 15,000 vehicles are said to ply every

hour at this junction.

A solid slab was placed here on March 17 by pouring 2520 cubic metres of concrete non-stop for 42 hours. "The slab will now require 28 days of curing and will be ready by April 15. Pre-stressing it and then adjustments will take some time," he added.

Five loops and ramps are being constructed at CSB Junction and they run from Ragigudda to Hosur Road, Ragigudda to KR Puram, HSR Layout to Ragigudda, ground level of BTM Layout to first level of the flyover road and first level of flyover road to the ground level of BTM Layout.

CSB junction is an interchange between BMRCL's Phase 2A line which runs along the Outer Ring Road (Phase-2A) and the RV Road to Bommasandra line (Reach-5).

The road in the return direction will be commissioned in December. The junction is considered one of the worst choke points in South India.

75% children visiting hosps suffering from respiratory infections

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

FOR more than four weeks hospitals in the city have been witnessing a spike in respiratory problems especially in children. Over 75 per cent of the children visiting the hospitals are coming with respiratory tract infection. Experts say this spike is due to the temperature variation, the onset of summer vacations, which increases the likelihood of cross infections and the pollen season that is going around.

Dr Tejaswi Chandra, Senior Specialist – Pediatric Pulmonology, Aster Women and Children Hospital, Whitefield said "In the past month, my OPD alone has seen at least 100 cases out of 140, wherein children presented with viral respiratory infections. This condition is medically known as viral febrile illness or viral-induced wheeze. Almost all of them exhibited symptoms of a runny nose along with a troubling cough. Some contributing factors include the onset of summer vacations, which increases the likelihood of cross infections. Some preventive measures at home include regular handwashing, wearing face masks, and consuming lemon, tulsi, and honey concoctions."

Dr Anupam Jaiswal, Consultant Pediatric Intensivist and Pediatrician, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Bannerghatta said "From the past 2-3 weeks, approximately 75% of the children who visit the hospital are coming with Respiratory tract Infections. Common cold, cough, fever and some associated with vomiting and diarrhoea are the symptoms they have in varying degrees. Among these, 1 in 10 needs Pediatric Intensive Unit and respiratory support.

On the preventive measures people can take at home, Dr Anupan Jaiswal said "Preventing spread from person to person by hand hygiene and wearing a mask, avoiding allergens (cleaning and washing clothes, clean surfaces). Avoid drastic and rapid changes in temperature from the environment, food temperature and swimming in normal rather than cold pools helps avoid temperature fluctuations."

He advised parents to look out for unusual behaviour of the child, lethargy, fast breathing and long-standing fever.

SEEKING A BETTER LIFE

Amidst the persisting water crisis, dhobis have been hit hard. Struggling to make ends meet, a woman irons clothes inside a petty shop at Bharathinagar on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

SUMMER WOES

WATER SCARCITY PUTS THE BRAKES ON CAR WASH BIZ

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IT'S fashionable to drive around in a dirty car these days, it means you are conserving water. It also means that several car wash centres are suffering financial losses after the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) imposed a ban on using potable water for non-essential purposes, including car washing. The order, which entails a hefty fine of Rs 5,000 for every violation, has left many car wash units and their employees in the city's JC Nagar and Shivajinagar areas with no choice but to seek alternative sources of income.

> To continue with our business, we tried switching to a water-efficient service with dry wash, cleaning the car with a cloth and using a vacuum to clean the interiors
>
> Habib from Wash N Wash

Car wash centres, opposing the order, argue that they rely on water tankers to meet their needs for car washing. They explained that using treated water is not viable due to its high salt content, which could potentially damage vehicle paint and quality.

Habib, who has been working at Wash N Wash service station in Shivajinagar, told TNIE, "To continue with our business, we tried switching to a water-efficient service with dry wash, cleaning the car with a cloth and using a vacuum to clean the interiors, but customers are not showing much interest. According to them, this method does not last."

Habib added that many have started washing their cars themselves. "We fear this trend may continue in the long term, leaving us in a situation beyond our control," he said.

"Due to the ongoing water crisis, we are close to shutting down our car wash centre," said Shahrukh Ali, owner of Hazrat Car and Bike Spa Centre in Shivajinagar. Shahrukh, who had a team of three people, now has only Mani to help him with the work. "Both the employees have turned daily wage labourers in construction projects," Shahrukh said, and stressed that the authorities should offer alternative solutions to support such businesses to stay afloat.

Javed, who had been working at Saleem Car Care in JC Nagar, said, "Following BWSSB's fines on families using drinking water for non-essential purposes, people have become very cautious. Even our regular customers are worried, and fear they might face repercussions if they bring their vehicles for a wash."

CONTAMINATED WATER TRIGGERS CHOLERA CASES

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CONTAMINATION of drinking water is another significant factor." Dr Ramesh said symptoms of cholera are vomiting and diarrhea, accompanied by fatigue resulting from electrolyte imbalances in the body. Vomiting and diarrhea lead to severe dehydration. Cholera may affect the kidneys due to fluid loss and ultimately lead to the patient's death.

Dr Chetan Ginigeri, lead consultant, Paediatrics - Paediatric Intensive Care, Aster CMI Hospital, said that his hospital saw an uptick in the number of cholera cases in the past few days.

Emphasising the need for preventive measures, Dr Ginigeri said they include ensuring access to clean and safe drinking water, enhancing sanitation, administering vaccination in high-risk areas, and promoting good hygiene habits.

Herbalife India partners with IIMB to follow sustainable supply chain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO follow sustainable supply chain practices by tackling plastic packaging usage, and pursuing net-zero impact, Herbalife India, a health and wellness company and community partnered with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) to establish a cutting-edge Supply Chain Sustainability Lab. The Supply Chain Sustainability Lab takes a comprehensive five-pronged approach to sustainability - knowledge creation (tools, research), expert consulting for businesses, and encouraging a collaborative ecosystem through supplier assessment, education, and industry partnerships.

The core focus of the Supply Chain Sustainability Lab is to empower businesses through development and implementation of practical tools. These first-of-their-kind tools include Transportation Emission Measurement Tool (TEMT), which measures emissions across various transportation modes.

Uday Prakash, vice president – Operations and Finance, Herbalife India said, "We are developing innovative solutions, like closed-loop packaging systems, to create a more sustainable future. By leveraging successful case studies, implementing impactful tools, and collaborating with industry leaders, we are adapting best practices to suit the Indian context."

Vistara flyers see red due to huge delays, airline to reduce flights

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

VISTARA flights across the country, including Bengaluru, suffered massive delays on Monday due to various reasons, including crew shortage. A Bengaluru-Ahmedabad flight was delayed by 6.5 hours, forcing many to cancel their trip. Vistara has now announced that it would be temporarily reducing some flights across the country.

Flight UK 574 was scheduled to depart from Kempegowda International Airport to Ahmedabad at 10.30am. The flight, with a travel time of 2 hours, 10 minutes, finally departed six hours and 29 minutes later. Among the upset and irate flyers was T V Mohandas Pai, chairman, Aarin Capital Partners, who finally cancelled his trip and returned home from the airport.

Pai told TNIE, "The original timing was 10.30am. By 10.12am, we get an sms stating the flight has been rescheduled to 12noon. One expects this information to be conveyed at least 45 to 50 minutes in advance. Later, around 11.35pm, information was conveyed that it would depart only by 2pm. Though Vistara's fare is costlier, we go by it because we believe it flies on time and we can reach on time for quick business meetings. I cancelled my trip and left home." Delays do happen but flyers need to be updated about the change in schedule immediately so that other plans can be made.

Pai's return flight from Ahmedabad to Bengaluru too was rescheduled from 5.45pm to 10pm, he added. The delay in flights was experienced across the country, and many took to X to vent their ire.

Asked about it, Vistara said in a statement, "We have had a significant number of flight cancellations and delays in the past few days due to various reasons, including crew unavailability. We are deeply concerned about the inconvenience this has caused our customers. Our teams are working towards minimizing the discomfort to the customers."

VIRGIN LANDS, TAKES OFF

Bengaluru: The first Virgin Atlantic flight from London to Bengaluru reached Terminal 2 of Bengaluru airport at 2.45am Monday. The Boeing 787-9 flight, which can accommodate a maximum of 264 passengers, had more than 85% occupancy on its first flight, said an airport source. It later took off to London at 4.35am.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02ND April : As the hours pass, sensitive alignments are replaced with energetic ones - which means that, no matter what our individual signs, there's a gradual shift from secrecy, intensity and rampant emotion, to outgoing confidence and unfettered adventure. Sounds exciting to me!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Somewhere along the line you appear to have upset someone whose influence could help you in the future. There is no time like the present for putting shaky relationships back on a firm footing. At work you need to take a more creative course. Is there a new skill you can learn?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The financial picture remains rather uncertain, possibly because you have allowed an opportunity to slip through your hands. Optimism is all very well, but don't allow unrealistic hopes to influence your actions. While your head is in the clouds keep one foot on the ground.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The current relationship between Jupiter and Saturn is undoubtedly positive, and you should use the opportunity to implement plans which you have been considering for some time but frankly felt were not in your line of business. Oh - and within the month you will have forgotten that certain current problems ever existed.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The emotional Moon is now impacting on a sociable area of your horoscope, revealing that you have everything to gain from associations with other people, especially those who are clearly in the know. Even at work you'll have to operate as part of a team. Go it alone and you may do yourself long-term damage.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The period you've just been through has not been entirely to your liking. However, every astrological cloud has a silver lining, and very soon the benefits derived from recent upsets will be made plain. In the end you'll decide that the wait was worth it.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Tensions are building up at home, although there is no reason why this should be considered bad. Anything which forces you to get out of your rut and make improvements is to be welcomed. There seems to be a great deal going in your favour at home, so any difficulties could be a result of your own impatience.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You are fortunate to be born under the sign of Venus, a planet which has been affording you a great deal of protection lately. Now, however, you must learn to stand on your own two feet. It's fine to depend on partners sometimes - but not all the time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may have been sitting on confidential information or keeping a secret on behalf of a friend. However, be prepared for everything to come into the open before the week is out. There is no way that partners will let you off the hook, so you'd better have your story ready.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Seeing as there is shortly to be a critical planetary alignment in your sign, you should tread carefully. It's necessary to retain your sense of optimism regarding the future, yet your downfall could be over-confidence. My advice would be to double-check every detail.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Today's lunar positions offer you the strongest possible advice to listen to close partners. You may be astonished at the quality of their ideas, and quite possibly pleasantly surprised by the outcome. Your other planets are pointing the way to monetary success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It will seem terribly unfair when people who hardly know you feel they have the right to comment critically on your behaviour. Yet this is what may happen today and tomorrow, so don't rise to the bait. You'll get everything you need by watching and waiting until the time is right.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
A professional upset is on the cards, yet the changes which result may be to your liking. Meetings or communications at the end of the week may clarify the picture, so don't sign on the dotted line just yet. In fact, a commitment may not be necessary until next year.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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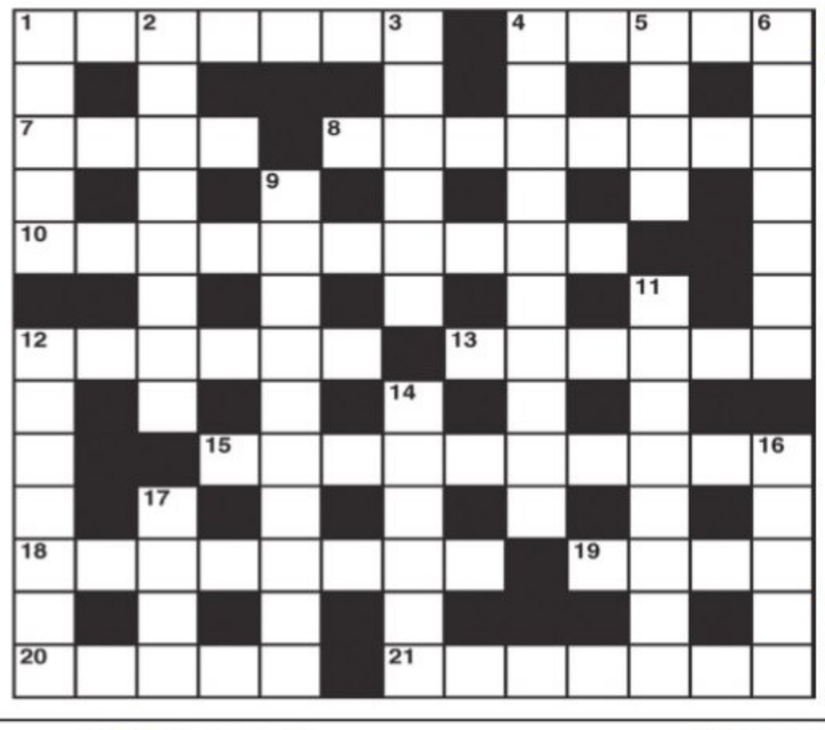
SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Peaceful waters? (7)
4 Conclude there's uranium in the reservoir (3,2)
7 Ornithological specimens found in some museums (4)
8 Careful examinations of any seals broken (8)
10 Fix the rate of course (3,3,4)
12 Fights waste (6)
13 Discordant vocal note in a shady nook (6)
15 Triad thugs run wild (10)
18 Understood vessel could be reserved (8)
19 Point to a shed that's close (4)
20 Mother returns our love (5)
21 Holder of the colours (7)

DOWN
1 Looks and sounds like dogs (5)
2 Is opposed to computers (8)
3 Is able to copy something out of the cookery book (6)
4 Old sailor has a stock of wine in a small vessel (4-6)
5 Possibly hums something sentimental (4)
6 Dad's wise in a way (7)
9 He takes stock (10)
11 It's not a close-up; you can bet on it (4,4)
12 A tram takes us all round the island (7)
14 Purist grouping is prepared to agitate (4,2)
16 It's up to the Church to get its share (5)
17 Some mundane chores are repetitive (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Penetrating, 9 Engines, 10 Apish, 11 View, 12 Top-dress, 14 Inmate, 16 Bo-peep, 18 Ten to one, 19 Flea, 22 Moral, 23 Intrude, 24 Thermometer.

Down: 2 Eagle, 3 Eons, 4 Rostov, 5 Trap door, 6 Naivete, 7 Leave it to me, 8 Chess player, 13 Stroller, 15 Monarch, 17 Indigo, 20 Louse, 21 Stye.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Steady as she goes.
How did Magellan find his way through this?
THE SEA ROUTE NAMED AFTER MAGELLAN WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" _____ "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUILT GOOSE MARROW HOOPLA
Answer: After discussing whether to drill for oil on their land, they decided they — MIGHT AS WELL

Nine persons have been injured after they were attacked by sloth bears in Vijayanagara and Ballari districts in the last 10 days. Five cases were reported from Ballari and four cases from Vijayanagara district. Villagers point out that the drought situation has led to water scarcity in the reserved forests leading to increasing attacks

FRAUDSTERS LURE VICTIMS WITH TRAFFIC FINES

With accurate vehicle numbers, people told to pay using app link sent with Whatsapp message

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN another fraudulent trend, after FedEx and fraud taking the CBI name, cyber cheats are now using the name of the Karnataka State Police (KSP) to swindle money from gullible people.

Through WhatsApp messages containing accurate vehicle and mobile numbers, the fraudsters falsely claim to issue traffic violation fines. Alongside these messages, malicious APK files are sent, aiming to steal personal data and money from the victims.

The trap deepens as fraudsters possess accurate individual vehicle numbers, leading victims to fall into their deceptive loop.

The fabricated message starts with, "We regret to inform you that a traffic violation has been recorded against your vehicle," detailing the alleged violation. The text includes the challan number, violation date and the actual vehicle number, all designed to lend credibility to the fraudulent message.

It concludes by directing recipients to verify and view evidence related to the violation through the Vahan Parivahan mobile application. It assures detailed information, including photographic evidence of the violation, and ends with the designation - Regional Transport Office in Bengaluru Central (RTO), Karnataka.

MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), told TNIE, "No government agency - Traffic or Transport Department -- sends any message via SMS or WhatsApp or any other source to pay a fine."

People are advised not to heed messages from unknown persons or to download apps from unverified sources, he added.

He underscored that such messages are from cyber frauds and urged the public to report them by dialling 1930, the national cybercrime helpline number.

METHODS TO CHECK AND PAY TRAFFIC FINES

Visit the official website btp.gov.in	Download the official app of the Karnataka State Police (available on both Android / iOS)

Physically at the Traffic Management Centre, Infantry Road

LURKING DANGER

Smoke billows from a pile of garbage near a BESCOM electric transformer on Hosur Main Road on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

BMRCL bar bender kills self after row with mother

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 24-year-old contract employee of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) was found hanging adjacent to its Baiyappanahalli depot on Monday morning. Police suspect it to be suicide and have registered a case of unnatural death.

The deceased, Raja Singh, is a bar bender and hails from Jharkhand.

Chief Public Relations Officer, BMRCL, BL Yashavanth Chavan, said the deceased worker was employed by a contractor carrying out works in connection with the remodelling of the depot. He was residing in the camp provided for workers near his workshop.

According to police, Singh had a heated argument with his mother over phone on Sunday night. "His co-workers heard him arguing loudly. He was last seen on Sunday by 11.30 pm. After that, they only found him hanging," said a cop. "We have checked with his family, friends and co-workers. As of now, we rule out anything suspicious regarding his death. It looks like a case of suicide. We will be able to confirm only after the postmortem report is out," he added. A case has been registered at Baiyappanahalli police station under CrPc Section 174.

His body has been shifted to CV Raman General Hospital. His brother, employed in Udupi, is on his way to collect it.

6-year-old among three die in separate accidents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THREE people, including a six-year-old boy, were killed in separate road accidents in the city since Sunday evening.

In City Market traffic police station limits, Hashwanth, 6, who was attending nature's call near Urvashi Theatre, was killed after a lorry ran over him.

The incident occurred at 11 am on Monday. The police said that the boy was sitting next to the rear tyre of a stationary lorry when the driver, who failed to notice the boy, started the lorry and took a reverse.

The rear wheel of the Haryana-registered lorry ran over the boy's head, crushing him to death. The police rushed to the spot soon after the incident and arrested the truck driver, identified as Razak (40), a resident of Haryana.

In the other incident, a 19-year-old BBM second-year student hailing from Rajasthan died after he lost control of his two-wheeler and fell off the vehicle.

The incident occurred at Mahaveer Market Complex in Jayanagar 7th block at 5 am on Monday. The deceased N Arjun, a resident of Arakere in BMT Layout, was returning home after booking a train ticket at a railway station. Due to alleged over-speeding, Arjun failed to notice a speed breaker and as a result lost control and fell. He sustained fatal head injuries and died on the spot. The Banashankari traffic police have registered a case.

In yet another accident that occurred at 8.45 pm on Sunday, a 21-year-old youth, identified as Yogesh, who hailed from Hassan and was working at a bakery in Nelamangala, died on the spot after a private bus hit his two-wheeler from behind near Jalahalli Cross on Tumakuru road. A case is registered at the Peenya traffic police, who have seized the bus while the driver is absconding.

Water tanker owner robbed in Whitefield

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 30-year-old water tanker owner was attacked and robbed by a gang of four in Whitefield on Sunday. The victim has been identified as L Mahendra, a resident of Whitefield.

He was heading to an apartment to supply water, when the accused who were in the car picked a fight with him. They accused him of using a high beam and also broke his mobile phone. After attacking him, the gang fled with Rs 30,000. The incident occurred in the wee hours of Sunday near the Valepura bus stop. Police registered a case of robbery (IPC 392).

Road rage: 2 held for harassing family

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TWO of the three scooter-borne miscreants who had harassed a family by trailing their car on Hosur Road, were arrested by Madiwala police on Monday. A couple and their child had gone to St John's Hospital late Sunday evening. The family, while returning to their residence in Begur, encountered the youngsters around 9.30pm.

The accused, riding triples on the two-wheeler, kept following the car and banging on the car doors and window, asking them to stop the car. They also tried to open the car doors. The man was driving while his wife, who works as a senior accountant in a private firm, was in the front passenger seat.

Panicked by the aggressive behaviour of the accused, the woman started recording the incident on her mobile. Mustering courage, she also dialled 112 (Emergency Response Support System) from her husband's mobile and kept providing information to police. She also gave the registration number of the two-wheeler following them. In the video, she can be heard giving the police control room personnel their location and the road they were driving on.

As the accused were displaying violent behaviour, the man took a left turn after the accused overtook their car and blocked the road. By the time police reached the spot, the accused had fled. However the registration number of the two-wheeler helped the police nab them. The woman posted the incident on platform X, and the video has gone viral.

The two arrested are Jagannath, working in a BPO, and Thejas. Another person identified as Kannan is yet to be arrested. After their arrest, the duo told police that they were going behind the car, when the driver suddenly swerved to the right, without switching on the indicator, which almost made them fall off the scooter. They followed the car and questioned the driver who is said to have made an indecent gesture. The woman, in her post on X, stated that the incident occurred near St John's Hospital, Gate 5. "Three rowdies on a scooter followed our car from the Hosur Road–Koramangala right turn junction to Nagarjuna Restaurant in KHB Colony 5th Block Koramangala, punching the car window," the post read.

CK Baba, DCP (South East) said road safety and incidents of road rage are taken seriously. The accused were apprehended and an FIR was registered.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 11/2024 Dated:26.03.2024

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Description in brief: Set of FTRTIL WSPD items: N2 Board for WSP System of LHB type coaches, MV Board, N1 BOARD and GE BOARD of M/s. Faively part. nos

(Tender No. L8236595A) (Qty:40 Nos)

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 10:30 hrs. of 16.04.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager Bengaluru

PUB/781/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/116/2024 Dated: 27.03.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Gadag-Wadi new BG line: Miscellaneous works from Km. 210/500 to 257/260 between Shahapur and Wadi (Jn) station. **(Tender Ref. No. W.496/GDG-WD-58)**	**Rs. 42,62,04,106/-**

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 18.04.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction Works / Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/783/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

IN THE COURT OF THE I Add CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA

Crl. Mis. No. 92/2024

BETWEEN: 1. Gangamuniyappa .T, S/o Thimmaiah, aged about 55 years, Residing at Near Veerabhadraswamy Temple Mallasandra, Mallasandra, Sondekoppa, Bangalore, Karnataka-562 130, **2. Pavan Kumar. G,** S/o Gangamuniyappa .T, aged about 26 years, Residing at Near Veerabhadraswamy Temple Mallasandra, Mallasandra, Sondekoppa, Bangalore, Karnataka-562 130, **3. Chethan Kumar .G,** S/o Gangamuniyappa .T, aged about 28 years, Residing at Near Veerabhadraswamy Temple Mallasandra, Mallasandra, Sondekoppa, Bangalore, Karnataka-562 130....**PETITIONER**

AND: The Tahsildar, City Muncipal Council, (The Chief Registrar of Birth and Death), Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District.... **RESPONDENT**

GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

To take notice of the petition filed by my clients Sri. Ganagamuniyappa S/o late Thimmaiah aged about 55 years residing at mallasandra village, dasanapura hobli, Bengaluru north taluk, Bangalore district and others for the death certificate of late **Gangarudramma** W/o Thimmaiah who died on 17/12/1985 at Mallasandra village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore north taluk, Bangalore district. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble I Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Nelamangala and the date of hearing on **23/04/2024** at **11:00 A.M.** in Crl.mis No.92/2024.

Given under my seal on this 26-03-2024

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Address for Service: **Sri. Adarsha .S.R** Having office at: #217, Parmanna layout Nelamangala- 562 123.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Sri. S. RAGHURAM,** S/o. Late M.R. Siddegowda Aged about 59 years, R/at. No.36, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Obalappa Garden, Tata Silk Farm, Bangalore-560082, Adhar No. 4949 1245 2486, had intend to purchase the **House property bearing Site No.35, BBMP Katha No.647/1/35,36/364/1, converted land bearing Sy.No.53/1, vide conversion order bearing No.ALN SR (N)116/1988-89, Dated: 05-01-1989, order passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 35 feet, totally measuring 1400 Sq. feet, consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floor RCC Roofed house with water and electricity facilities situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of BBMP,** with all **right of easement appurtenances either latent patent attached to the property** and bounded on EAST BY : Site No.2, WEST BY : Road, NORTH BY : Site No.36, SOUTH BY : Site No.34., from 1) **Sri. HARISH.C,** S/o. Chikka Ramaiah, Aged about 37 years, **Adhar No.9088 1927 3077, 2) Smt. DIVYA. T.P.** W/o. Harish.C, Aged about 30 years, **Adhar No.7119 6391 2450, 3) Kumari. DISHITHA . H ,** S/o. Harish.C, Aged about 05 years, Since minor, Rpt. By natural Guardian and Father, Sri.HARISH.C, **4) Sri. CHIKKA RAMAIAH,** S/o. Late Giddaiah, Aged about 67 years **Adhar No.4652 9736 3147, 5) Smt. HEMAVATHI.B,** W/o. Chikka Ramaiah, Aged about 56 years, **Adhar No.2858 8687 1554, 6) Sri. ASHOK.C,** S/o. Chikka Ramaiah, Aged about 35 years, **Adhar No.2839 7614 8211, 7) Smt. SHASHIKALA.C,** D/o. Chikka Ramaiah, Aged about 33 years, **Adhar No. 3798 3111 8702,** All are R/at. Anjanadri Nilaya, No.35, 1st Main Road, 3rd 'B' Cross, Chowdeshwari Nagar, Laggere, Peenya, Bangalore-560058, if anybody have any claim, title, right over this property, they shall file their objections with documents, before the undersigned within 6 days from this notice. Failing which my client will proceeds further.

ASHOKA .R, Advocate No.4/2, 2nd Floor, Shamshuddin Block, HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560002. **Ph. 9535495356**

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Shoranur, Palakkad

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _670998_1 PAC:Rs. 6,12,18,944/-, Last Date- 11.04.2024 03.00pm

Re-Tender Notice

O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kollam

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _643910_2 PAC: Rs. 632.25 Lakhs Last Date- 10.04.2024 05.00pm

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _645797_2 PAC: Rs. 536.775 Lakhs Last Date- 15.04.2024 05.00pm

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _646191_2 PAC: Rs. 661.602 Lakhs Last Date- 15.04.2024 05.00pm

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref : PR/MC1/E485/E-tender/2024

Can Fin Homes Ltd

1st Floor, Raja Rao Complex Tippu Sultan Road, Devanahalli-562 110. Ph: 080-27682007, Mob No. 7625079177 E-Mail Id: devanahalli@canfinhomes.com

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS & DEPOSITS Devanahalli Branch

CIN No: L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **30.01.2024** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Veerabhadran Doni** S/o Mr. Swaminathan Motenaikan and **Mrs.Nirmala Veerabhadran** W/o Mr. Veerabhadran Doni to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.68,13,622/-** (Amount Sixty Eighty Lakh thirteen thousand Six hundred twenty two only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **01st day of April of the year 2024.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.68,13,622/-** (Amount Sixty Eighty Lakh thirteen thousand Six hundred twenty two only) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel bearing Site No 51, Katha No.01, Formed in old Property No.16, Later No.16/3, PresentNo's.16/4 & 16/5 situated at Varanasi alias Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, erstwhile Bengaluru South Taluk, Now Bengaluru East Taluk now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP Limits Bengaluru measuring East to West 55 ft & North to south 23 ft in all measuring 1265 square Feet and bounded as follows: East by : 23 feet Road, West By : Private Property, North by :Private Property, South by: Site No.50

The Schedule Property Consists of 1000 Square feet RCC Roofed House, Constructed with Bricks and Cement, Granite Flooring, Honne Wood Doors and Windows with own Borewell, with all basic civic amenities.

Date :01.04.2024 Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- **Authorised Officer** Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVII CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-38)

MISC. No. 1113/2019 IN O.S. No. 2763/1996

BETWEEN : SMT. MYMUNNISA, W/o late Mohammed @ Nawab, Aged about 50 years, Residing at No. 413/1, Nagawara Village, Arabic College Post, Nagawara, Bangalore-45 AND OTHERS ...**PETITIONERS**

AND : SMT. ZAHEED KHANNUM AND OTHERS ...**RESPONDENTS**

RESPONDENTS No. 1 to 7, 10 to 13 & 19

1. Smt. Zaheeda Khannum D/o late Kareem Khan, Muslim, Major, Residing at No.7, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main Road, V.R. Puram, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560 003.

2. Pastor .J Surguna Doss, Major, Residing at No. 39, P 7 T Colony, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore-45 OR Goutam Pharmacy College Road, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-32.

3. Mr. Amil Nazeer Ahmed, S/o A.K. Shaik Mohammed, Muslim, Major, Residing at No.13-E, 7th Street, Hazarath Keamble Pasha Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-51.

4. Mr. Amil Nisab Ahmed, S/o A.K. Shaik Mohammed, Muslim, Major, Residing at No.13-E, 7th Street, Hazarath Keamble Pasha Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-51.

5. Smt. Sajida Begum W/o A.R. Alla Bakash, Muslim, Major, Residing at No.84, Benson Town, Bangalore-46.

6. Smt. Paveen Taj, W/o Syed Akamulla, Muslim, Major, Defendant Street, Cols Road Cross, Opposite to Bank of Baroda, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05.

7. Mr. Samiulla, S/o late Amer Mulla, Muslim, Major, Residing at No.5, 14th Cross, 1st Main, Chamarapet, Bangalore-18.

10. Al-Haj Syed Akarmulla S/o not known, Muslim, Major, Residing at No.241, B-Osman Khan Road, Bangalore-02.

11. Mr. K. Narasimhaiah, S/o K.Nanjundaiah Shetty, Hindu, Major, Residing at No.809, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, 14th Main, Bangalore-10.

12. Mr. Taraman S/o not known, Muslim, Major, Residing at No. KA253, 3rd Cross, Coffee Board Colony, Anwar Layout, K.G. Halli, A.C. Post, Bangalore-45.

13. Mr. Ali Asgar, S/o Shabbir, Aged about 38 years, Residing at No. 1602, Wine Lady Rathan, Tower Co-operative Housing Society, Gandhinagar, Worli, Mumbai-400 018.

His GPA Holder Mohammed Asgar S/o. M. Shaik Ameer, 41 years, R/at No. S-2, Royal Apartment, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.

19. Mr. Hidayath @ Mushair, S/o Late S.Mohammed @ Newabsab, Aged about 67 years, Residing at Near Khausar Muajid, Govindapura, Bengaluru - 560 045.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS No. 1, 7, 10 TO 13 & 19

Whereas, the petitioners above named has filed the above petition against you for restoration of the suit in O.S. No. 2763/1996 vide Order dated 03.12.2019 pending before the CCH-38, Bengaluru. You the Respondents No.1, 7, 10 to 13 and 19 are hereby directed to appear before court either in person or by a pleader on **24.04.2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in the forenoon to answer the same without fail failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined to your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 28.03.2024.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **T.V. Tajpeer Sab,** Advocate Office at No.5, 1st Floor Hameed Shah Complex Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Kunhikrishnan K.V., is intends to entered into Joint Development Agreement for the below mentioned schedule property, with Sri. C.K. Satish, having title to the Concerned Property as per the documents verified.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such Joint Development Agreement in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within **Ten days (10)** from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to enter into Joint Development Agreement in respect of the schedule property as if there are no claimants/ objections to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Sy.No.96, measuring 0-29 Guntas, Situated at Lakshmi Sagar Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on :-

East by : Road, **West by :** Sy.No. 95 belongs to Lokesh, **North by :** Sy.No. 99 belongs to Prakash, **South by :** Sy.No. 94 belongs to Shivananda / Krishnareddy.

J.S. KRISHNAMURTHY Advocate No.10, (334/10), 7th B Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK III Stage, Bengaluru-560 085. Mob No.9845399492

Date : 01.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **MR. SIDDAPPA RAMAGOND,** S/o. Mr. Venkappa Ramagond, the owner of property bearing Site No. 21, BBMP Khatha No. 1037/240/4/1/21, measuring east to west 90 ft. north to south 100 ft. total 9000 Sq. ft. situated at Halagevadherahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore has lost the duplicate set of Gift Deed dated 30.08.2014, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, J.P. Nagar as Document No. JPN-1-05700/2014-15 and stored in CD No. 281 executed by Mrs. M.N. Jayalakshmi in favour of her son Mr. M.R. Deepak while in transit and in spite of his best efforts, he could not found the same.

Therefore, I hereby call upon that whoever is in possession of the said duplicate set of Gift Deed dated 30.08.2014 hereby requested to deliver to my office **within 7 working days**, failing which my client shall be constrained to proceed with the certified copy of the said duplicate set of Gift Deed dated 30.08.2014 for his further transaction.

H. NAGESH, Advocate No. 46, 2nd Main, Opposite to Anand Co-Operative Bank, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 20. Mob: 9902201565

Date: 01.04.2024 Bangalore

NMDC Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise) 'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500 028

CIN : L13100TG1958GOI001674

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EOI No: HO(Contracts)/DC/RNJP/2024/200 **Dated 01.04.2024**

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **Expression of Interest (EOI)** from experienced firms for identifying the interested parties for **Transporting iron ore from Screening Plant-2 of Donimalai Complex (Karnataka) to near Ranjithpura Siding (RNJP) through Belt Conveyors and Stacking & Loading Rail Wagons on BOOM basis.**

The EOI documents can be viewed and/or downloaded from 01.04.2024 to 26.04.2024 **from following website links;**

1. NMDC website – https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/default.aspx

2.Central Public Procurement portal – https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app and search EOI documents through EOI number

For accessing the EOI documents from NMDC web site for the first time; on-line registration is required as **'New User'** in **'Tenders'** section at website link https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/defult.aspx of NMDC. The intending parties are required to visit the NMDC's website and / or CPP Portal for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

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Executive Director (Works)

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Tender Notice No. BE-29-2023-24-0T-33,34,35

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

OT No.	Description of Work	Approx. Value
33	Improvement of illumination in goods sheds yards and yards of major stations over KSR Bengaluru division	Rs. 1,89,77,806/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 23.04.2024**

OT No.	Description of Work	Approx. Value
34	Provision of energy efficient electrical fixtures, occupancy/ motion sensors and solar street lights at IRIDM / Hejjala in connection with sustainable buildings, Provision of energy efficient BLDC ceiling fans in place of conventional ceiling fans in service buildings over KSR Bengaluru division & Bengaluru Cantonment Proposed Construction of New RPF Barrack 50 beds - Electrical arrangements	Rs. 50,60,225/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 17.04.2024**

OT No.	Description of Work	Approx. Value
35	Replacement of over aged Non-BEE rated pumps with energy efficient BEE.5 star rated pumps under Energy Efficiency works along with provision of backup pumps (Phase-1)	Rs. 52,01,400/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 19.04.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Bengaluru

PUB/782/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Dr. Harish Kumar N** S/o Late. P. Narasimahaiah @ Appaji gowda & Smt.D.Gowramma and Grandson of Late. Sri.H.Dasappa and Smt. Yellamma am one of the legal heir of Yellamma Dasappa Collaborations families movable & immovable properties do hereby proclaim and publish this public notice on my behalf for all legal implications.

I wish to bring to the kind notice of the General public that myself and my Grand parents are the absolute owners in possession of our ancestral properties comprising of the estate properties of Harohalli - 33 Acres on NH-209, Yellamma Dasappa Institute of Technology (YDIT) 5.5 acres, Raghuvanahalli, Bengluru, M/s Ramakrishna Hotels & M/s Ramakrishna Lodges, Kapali Theatre complex-SC Road, Majestic, Vani theatre complex at kanakapura and all other the properties in legal disputes among the family members in Bengaluru City Civil and Sessions Courts, High Court, Municipal Courts at Kanakapura is not partitioned as per law and having continued legal dispute for the past 30 years as the property belongs to the HUF in which I am also one of the legal heirs for my share of properties.

It is learnt from the valuable sources that some of the members of our family have kept my mother Smt.D. Gowramma in their captive and is innocent and quite ignorant of the legal documents and she was made an accused in one of the cheque bounce cases leading to judicial custody and imprisonment is curtailed by my efforts in a Criminal case in order to protect the interests of my family and from the unforeseen land grabbing and property looting and illegal sale. I bring to the notice of the Gen-Public that the mentioned properties if alienated to unknown persons by way of complicating of the legal issues is punishable under law to both the buyers and sellers. Hence this public notice.

Dr. HARISH KUMAR N Shree Appaji Gowramma Estate NH 209, Harohalli Taluk, Harohalli Hobli, Bengaluru District, Mob.No. 9535953809

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

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Sl. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	Mr. Shekhar Gautam (Borrower) & Mr. Shekhar Gaurav (Co-Borrower)	Loan A/c No. 636587190 Rs. 15,21,965/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five Only) as on 29.02.2024	20.03.2024 .... N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.03.2024	Mahaveer Palatium, Plot No.1081, S No 24, 24/1, 3, 30, 25, 25/1, 2, 26, 26/1, 2, 27/1, 2, 3, 28, 28/1, 2, 3, 29, 31, 33, 33/1, 3, 4, 38/1, 2, 9-12, 13/1, 14/1-3, 15, 16 & 39, Giddenahalli Village, Jigani, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 562106

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Date : 02.04.2024
Place: Bengaluru

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

I appeal to the people to vote for the Congress. The BJP government did not initiate any development project in Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency, but has only tried to divide people on caste lines

M Lakshmana, Congress Mysuru-Kodagu candidate

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 24
PHASE-3 35

TOTAL SEIZURES ₹76,92,06,187

FIRS BOOKED 1,030

COMPLAINTS ON CVIGIL 12,180

No. of candidates filing nominations for Phase-2 elections 96

TWEET OF THE DAY

It is a fact that I have found in my long medical career that one can fully understand a man only when there is an intimate association with him. My desire is to have a warm association with everyone in Bengaluru rural Loksabha Constituency and to respond to their problems

@DrCNManjunath, Former director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and BJP-JDS candidate for Bengaluru Rural LS constituency

Cong leaders undermining B'lore Central candidate?

MP Rehman Khan's son growing in influence worries them, say sources; Not true, says Mansoor Khan

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

MANSOOR Khan, who was AICC secretary in charge of Telangana and contesting from the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha constituency this time, is expected to make the contest tough for sitting and three-time MP PC Mohan. But Congress sources said some party leaders are not fully dedicated to ensuring his victory.

Though five of the eight Assembly segments in the constituency are represented by Congress MLAs, the big question is whether all of them are extending their support to him.

Sources said that some local leaders fear that Mansoor Khan, who is former Rajya Sabha member and deputy chairman Rehman Khan's son, could tower over them if elected and they just don't want that. They are now putting in efforts to ensure that he loses, the sources added.

Asked if this disunity and alleged machinations behind the screen will prove costly for Congress, KPCC working president MLC Saleem Ahmed said, "It is not true that Congress is disunited. We will work for greater unity."

The constituency, which was carved after the delimitation exercise in 2008, has never seen a Congress MP. It has lost all the three previous elections. In 2009, it was defeated by 35,000 votes, in 2014 by 1.37 lakh votes and in 2019 71,000 votes.

Asked about constituencies like Gandhinagar and Rajajinagar where Congress votes during the previous election had come down by 20-25,000 votes and in Mahadevpura and CV Raman Nagar by 30,000 -50,000 votes, Saleem Ahmed said they are working closely with party workers and leaders in these areas to ensure bigger support for Mansoor Khan.

Asked about the alleged attempts by Congress leaders to stab him in the back in this election, Mansoor Khan said, "It is not true. These are just rumours. We are all united and we will remain united."

Asked about his unique selling proposition, or USP, in this election, Khan said he will work for the people and development.

On what he would ask PC Mohan if there is a debate between the two, Khan said he would question the sitting MP about the works done in the constituency in the last 15 years. "I will ask if the MP raised the question in Parliament about drought that has affected people of Karnataka," he added.

Replying to these points, PC Mohan told *TNIE*, "In the first term in 2009, we went to the people speaking about Congress' corruption and in 2014 and 2019, we talked about PM Modi's development agenda. We have worked to bring the suburban rail network at a cost of Rs 18,600 crore. I have worked tirelessly to get necessary permissions for Namma Metro and its different phases of expansion. I have worked to get housing for the poor in slums under the PM Awas Yojana and loans for vendors and students and many more programmes."

BJP leaders on Monday check preparations at Palace Grounds ahead of Union Minister Amit Shah's visit to Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BJP TARGET

10% more votes in each booth, bigger vote share

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

The Karnataka BJP has set a target to get 10% more votes in each booth, compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The party, which is in alliance with the JDS this time, is hoping to get a better vote share.

In Karnataka, there are over 58,000 polling booths. In 2019, BJP had won 25 seats out of 28, and had backed Independent candidate in Mandya, Sumalatha Ambareesh, by not fielding a candidate. Out of 3.48crore votes, BJP got 1.8crore, which gives the party 51.75 per cent of the votes polled.

BJP State General Secretary Sunil Kumar, who is also coordinator for the Election Management Committee for Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka, said the party has set a target of 10 per cent more in each booth, over the 2019 numbers. This also means that together with JDS, its vote share in Karnataka will be better.

The party has page pramukhs, where a party worker is given a sheet containing 50 to 100 voters from each booth. These page pramukhs ensure that they visit each house to get votes for their party candidate. According to sources, they have already completed two rounds of interaction with these voters.

Party sources said that in 2019, JDS had contested seven Lok Sabha constituencies and won the sole seat of Hassan. Though the party contested only seven seats, it got 34 lakh votes, which is close to 10 per cent vote share. "If we get this share and increase the BJP vote share, we can increase the joint vote share by more than 15 per cent. BJP is targeting more votes in Old Mysuru region where JDS has a presence," sources said.

This year, BJP has fielded candidates in 25 Lok Sabha constituencies, and JDS in the three remaining seats.

Somanna is poorer than wife Shyjala by ₹25 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

FORMER minister and BJP candidate V Somanna, who declared his assets and liabilities on Monday, found himself poorer than wife G Shylaja, whose total assets are worth Rs 43,03,81,625 as against his assets worth Rs 17,74,23,590. The margin is a whopping Rs 25,29,58,035.

Somanna has 68.01 acres of agriculture land at Basapura and Kadavanthi villages in Chikkamagaluru taluk, worth Rs 4.5 crore, whereas his wife has real estate, including commercial buildings and apartments in Nagadevanahalli and Kengeri in Bengaluru, that are worth Rs 25.7 crore.

Somanna has immovable assets worth Rs 8.06 crore in Vijayanagar and MRCR Layout. He has gold (650gm) and silver jewellery worth Rs 10.35 lakh, whereas his wife has Rs 1.05 crore worth of jewels, including 2,524 gm diamonds.

Somanna's movable assets are worth Rs 5,18,23,590, and immovable assets Rs 12,56,00,000, while Shylaja holds Rs 4,38,81,625 worth of moveable assets and Rs 38,65,00,000 worth of immovable assets. Somanna has loans of Rs 6,44,52,206 borrowed from banks while Shyalaja has Rs 16,18,48,255 in loans.

Somanna files papers, Madhuswamy gives it a miss

V Somanna filed his nomination papers. Unsurprisingly, former Chikkanayakanahalli MLA J C Madhuswamy gave it a miss.

Tumakuru Rural BJP MLA B Suresh Gowda and Chikkanayakanahalli JDS MLA C B Suresh Babu accompanied Somanna.

Madhuswamy, a loyalist of former CM B S Yediyurappa, has been opposing Somanna's candidature, terming him an outsider. As Madhuswamy is likely to play a spoilsport, the party deputed him as Udupi-Chikmagalur in-charge.

ANNUAL INCOME

Somanna: ₹69,79,921, including agricultural income of ₹65,00,000; **Cash in hand:** ₹ 8,12,563, **in bank account:** ₹4,55,32,896

G Shylaja: ₹49,53,070, including ₹2,22,650 from agriculture; **Cash in hand:** ₹3,00,042, **in bank account:** ₹38,96,512

Shares: ₹9,84,105

Mutual funds: ₹4,38,81,625

Three cars, including two SUVs worth ₹37,48,038

Somanna gave hand loans to his sons: ₹14,52,322 to Arun Somanna, ₹1,56,23,297 to Naveen Somanna

Total outstanding hand loan: ₹2,67,07,619

Somanna has been fighting a case in Lokayukta court and two in Bangalore City Civil Court

Folk artistes accompany BJP candidate PC Mohan during the filing of nomination papers near Banappa Park in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Maharaja' doesn't even own house

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YADUVEER owns four kg of gold jewellery worth Rs 3.25 crore and 20kg of silver valued at Rs 14 lakh. His wife owns 2kg of gold, 100 grams of gold bullion and 10kg of silver worth Rs 1.02 crore. His son has gold worth Rs 12 lakh, gold bullion worth Rs 5.50 lakh, 10kg of silver worth Rs 7 lakh.

Yaduveer has movable assets worth Rs 4.99 crore while his wife owns movable assets worth Rs 1.04 crore. The 32-year-old scion of the royal family, who holds a Bachelor of Arts (double major in Economics and English) from the University of Amherst, Massachusetts, has a total income as Rs 28.42 lakh.

Interestingly, in the IT returns filed for 2018-19, he showed an income of Rs 4,000 while Rs 6,200 in 2019-20. However, in the IT returns filed for 2020-21, he showed an income of Rs 1,68,330, Rs 8,51,340 in 2020-21 and Rs 28,42,970 in 2022-23.He has no agricultural land, residential or commercial buildings and non-agricultural land.

Yaduveer filed his nomination papers two days before the scheduled date. While BJP has plans to organise a grand roadshow on April 3, Yaduveer filed his papers quietly on Monday. He was accompanied by his mother Pramodadevi Wadiyar and a few BJP leaders.

Yaduveer said he will file another set of papers on April 3 with a grand roadshow. It is said that Yaduveer filed his papers on Monday, believed to be an auspicious day, on the palace priest's advice.

Shah's day out to woo voters in B'luru region

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IT will be a packed day for Home Minister Amit Shah in Bengaluru region on Tuesday as he will attend at least four back-to-back meetings and rallies. He will also hold a core committee meeting with JDS leaders, including former CM HD Kumaraswamy.

This will be Shah's first visit to Karnataka after the poll dates were announced.

Party sources said Shah is expected to meet BJP and JDS leaders for a breakfast meeting on Tuesday morning to chalk out their alliance strategy for Karnataka. Kumaraswamy along with other senior JDS leaders will be present.

In the afternoon, Shah will address party workers and leaders during the Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelana at Palace Grounds.

BJP state general secretary Sunil Kumar, who is also coordinator of the election management committee in Karnataka, told reporters on Monday that Shah will interact with over 5,000 party workers from five Lok Sabha constituencies at the sammelana.

Shah will next attend another meeting with party leaders before leaving for Channapattana for a roadshow. "This roadshow will have an impact on all the 14 Lok Sabha constituencies that will go for the polls in the first phase," Kumar said.

Shah's roadshow will be held from Chikkamaluru in Ramanagara district to DT Ramu Circle for more than one hour, where he will seek votes on behalf of their candidate Dr CN Manjunath from Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency who has been fielded against sitting MP DK Suresh, brother of KPCC president and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar.

Hindutva poster boy backs Cong in DK, Shivamogga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mangaluru

BJP leader Sathyajit Suratkal on Monday appealed to the Billavas/Edigas to support candidates from the community in the fray for the Lok Sabha elections irrespective of their political affiliation.

He appealed to people to support R Padmaraj of Congress in Dakshina Kannada, Kota Srinivas Poojary of BJP in Udupi-Chikkamagaluru and Geeta Shivarajkumar of Congress in Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency.

Stating that once there were four-five MPs from the community in the state, but which is now nil, he said they have a great opportunity to see community leaders become MPs again. This will make the community politically, financially and educationally strong, he said and added that Shree Narayana Guru Vichara Vedike headed by him will campaign for the three candidates.

The development is seen as a big setback to the BJP in Dakshina Kannada and Shivamogga constituencies that have a sizable Billava/Ediga voters. Suratkal, who was once a force to reckon with as a Hindutva poster boy, later fell out of favour in the BJP. He was reportedly promised a suitable position in the party recently, but it did not materialise.

Talking to reporters here, he launched a broadside at the BJP, accusing the party of preferring only Lingayats, Brahmins and Bunts and dumping leaders of backward classes after using them. "There is no BJP now. It was the BLP, BL Santosh party and now it has become BSP, BS Yeddyurappa party," he said.

Never opposed 2A quota for Panchamsalis, says Shettar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

"I have never opposed 2A reservation for the Panchamsali community, and there was no question about opposing it," said Belagavi BJP candidate Jagadish Shettar.

Speaking to the media in Belagavi on Monday, he alleged that the opposition is misleading voters over this matter. "Panchamsali BJP leaders, former minister Murugesh Nirani and MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, will participate in my campaign and rallies to extend their support in Belagavi constituency. I have already started a campaign in Gokak and Arabhavi assembly constituencies. The Jarkiholi brothers have extended their full support to me. I am expecting the highest vote leads from these constituencies," he said.

"This election is being held to make Narendra Modi the PM again. Self-motivated citizens are praying and wishing that Modi becomes prime minister again," he added.

Congress candidate from Bengaluru South constituency Sowmya Reddy arrives in a rally with DCM D K Shivakumar to file her nomination at Jayanagar in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

PC Mohan has assets of Rs 56.26 cr, Sowmya Reddy's just Rs 2.30 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BJP candidate from Bengaluru Central parliamentary constituency PC Mohan and Congress candidate from Bengaluru South constituency Sowmya Reddy filed their nominations on Monday.

Mohan, who is seeking re-election from the segment, owns assets worth Rs 56.26 crore -- movable assets worth Rs 14.46 crore and immovable assets worth Rs 41.40 crore – as per the affidavit filed before the election commision. While Mohan owns immovable assets worth 19.18 crore, his wife Shyla Mohan has immovable assets worth 22.21 crore.

The couple have liabilities of Rs. 15.86 crore. While the incumbent MP has loans worth Rs. 5.79 crores, his wife has liabilities of Rs 10.07 crore. The affidavit also mentions that the candidate has completed second PU from Vijaya College, Jayanagar, and has two criminal cases pending against him.

Sowmya Reddy's affidavit revealed that she has movable and immovable assets worth Rs 2.30 crore. She has liabilities of Rs 1.50 crore and has six criminal cases pending against her. She has declared that she is a chemical engineering graduate from RV College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

31-yr-old Cong candidate has assets of Rs 41 crore

BR UDAYA KUMAR@Hassan

CONGRESS candidate from Hassan Lok Sabha constituency Shrayas Patel declared assets worth Rs 41 crore in his affidavit filed along with nomination papers on Monday.

The 31-year-old has 1,650g gold and 21 acres of land in Keragodu and Paduvalahippe villages of Holenarasipur taluk. He also has non-agricultural land in Bengaluru.

He has cash of Rs 1.25 lakh and Rs 6.23 lakh deposited in different banks. He borrowed Rs 88 lakh loan from a commercial bank and a money lender, Rs 50 lakh from friends and Rs 3.64 lakh from his mother Anupama. His is wife Akshata has a commercial site worth Rs 1.36 crore in Bengaluru, gold worth Rs 22lakh, 1 kg silver and a cell phone worth Rs 55,000.

Chandru's wife too owns crores

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GOWDA'S wife Kusuma Krishnegowda, a businesswoman, owns movable assets worth Rs 182 crore, immovable assets worth Rs 62.55 crore and developed immovable property worth Rs 6.80 crore. She owns Rs 127 crore worth self-acquired movable assets and Rs 19.93 crore inherited property. She owns commercial buildings worth Rs 36.39 crore and residential buildings worth Rs 16.09 crore. She has bank loans of Rs 2.21 crore. Kusuma owns 4,200 grams of gold jewelry worth Rs 2.29 crore, 71 carat diamonds worth Rs 15.08 lakh and 25.6 kg of silver worth Rs 21.50 lakh. However, she has only Rs 1.90 lakh cash. Gowda and his wife own properties and investments jointly. Under HUF, they have movable self-acquired assets worth Rs 25.27 crore, inherited property worth Rs 81 lakh, Rs 50.45 lakh in banks and a loan of Rs 6.50 crore.

While Gowda has a housing loan of Rs 5.55 crore, they both have Rs 17.88 crore loans taken from individuals.

Hyderabad Railway Police seized 14 kg ganja worth ₹3.50 lakh and arrested two drug peddlers who were planning to traffic the drugs from Odisha to Mumbai. The accused, identified as Manoj Parmar, 25, and Anil Updhyay, 28, are both natives of Madhya Pradesh

POLL PREPARATIONS

Workers at a workshop in Hyderabad make flags for AIADMK. Once these flags are prepared, they will be transported to Tamil Nadu

Worked to bring BRS to power for 3rd term, confesses officer

'Praneeth's team also focused on inducing leaders to join the party'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

FORMER Task Force OSD Radha Kishan Rao, who is named A-4 in the phone-tapping case, has reportedly confessed to having conspired with the other accused with a common goal of ensuring that the BRS returned to power for the third consecutive time in the 2023 elections.

To accomplish this, former chief of Special Intelligence Bureau T Prabhakar Rao (the then IGP of SIB) chose D Praneeth Rao to head a newly-created Special Operations Team at SIB. In his confessional statement, Radha Kishan revealed that the team was exclusively formed "for the sole purpose of surveillance over the targeted political leaders and their associates.. and dissidents within the BRS".

Radha Kishan said that Praneeth's team also reportedly focused on inducing leaders from other parties to join the BRS, which was clearly against the SIB mandate.

Speaking of the prime accused Prabhakar Rao, Radha Kishan said that after the formation of the TRS (later BRS) government in 2014, Prabhakar was in 2016 chosen as DIG of the Intelligence Department on 'caste equations'.

Prabhakar then handpicked his subordinates — Praneeth Rao from Nalgonda, Bhujanga Rao from Rachakonda, Venugopal Rao from Cyberabad and Thirupathanna from Hyderabad — as they either belonged to his community or were well acquainted with him.

On the recommendations of Prabhakar Rao and due to his caste, Radha Kishan was posted as DCP of Task Force in 2017 by the BRS supremo so that he could 'maintain a hold on Hyderabad city for political and other reasons'. Radha Kishan then recommended inspector Gattu Mallu to be posted in Task Force and later in SIB.

As per Radha Kishan's statement, the accused communicated with each other on encrypted social media apps and regularly met each other to discuss the strengthening of the BRS.

In the remand report, Radha Kishan noted that after his superannuation in August 2020, he influenced the then BRS government and got appointed as OSD for three years up to August 2023 and continued to head the Task Force.

FOR UNINTERRUPTED POWER

KPTCL to import 400Kv insulated vehicles in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) on Monday announced that it will import two insulated aerial work platform vehicles to assist transmission lines and substations upto 440 Kv in Mysuru and Kalaburagi.

The announcement of purchasing additional vehicles to support transmission lines during maintenance work, was a part of the recent budget announcement.

Explaining the need of these vehicles, KPTCL Managing Director Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that when maintenance works are taken up, at least a minimum of five hours is needed to restore power post shut down, which causes a lot of inconvenience to consumers.

"With this live line maintenance technique, KPTCL will be able to carry out maintenance works using state-of-the-art tools like an insulated bucket van, insulated bucket and insulated scaffolding, without shutting down any power line, thus ensuring uninterrupted power supply. This will also keep the financial position of the energy supply corporations intact," Pandey said.

There are three such vehicles already deployed in Bengaluru, Chitradurga and Hubballi, said Pandey.

KPTCL has professionally trained 15 personnel to operate and maintain the these vehicles manually.

To ensure the power supply is uninterrupted, Pandey also visited the 220 KV Nelamangala plant and inspected the functioning of the Insulated Aerial Work Platform Vehicle.

Cong in K'taka makes big appointments

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE KPCC has appointed PT Parameshwar Naik as co-chairman of the Campaign Committee.

In a bid to strengthen the party with the elections just weeks away, it has appointed Prashanth Allam Veerabhadrappa as district president of Ballri, K Nandakumar as Bangalore East president, Sanjeev Kumar Veeralangi Haveri district president, Amare Gowda Baiyapura Koppal district president, Kishan Hegde Udupi district president, Basavraj Itagi Raichur district president and Prasanna Kumar as Shivamogga district president. It has also appointed 43 vice-presidents, including veterans BL Shankar and VS Ugrappa, and 138 general secretaries. Vinay Karthik has been appointed state treasurer, while advocate Ramesh Babu is the chairman of media and communications. Vijay Mathikatti and Niketraj Maurya have been appointed as co-chairmen of social media in a late night development.

NIA in hot pursuit of key conspirator

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IT was earlier assumed that Arafath Ali from Shivamogga, who was arrested by the NIA soon after he landed in Delhi from Kenya in September last was the handler of the cooker blast accused, Mohammed Shariq. But investigations reportedly revealed that Shariq was introduced to the foreign handler by Taha," said sources. "The modus operandi in the tricolour burning case, Mangaluru cooker blast and cafe blast is the same. After burning the tricolour, the accused Syed Yasin, Maaz Munir Ahmed and Mohammed Shariq had uploaded the visual and sent it to the handler. For each task, the accused were given incentives ranging from Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000," the sources said.

The NIA is hotly pursuing Taha and Shazib and has released CCTV footage of their movement in north Karnataka and TN. "Taha has been spotted in the CCTV footage in public places in both states. His movement shows that he may not have left the country. His arrest is important to unearth the terror module and the handler, who seems to be familiar with the topography of the state," the sources said.

Thirthahalli, a small taluk in Shivamogga district, which is famous for stalwarts such as Kannada poet Kuvempu, Kadidal Manjappa, the third CM of Karnataka in 1956, and BJP leader and former home minister Araga Jnanendra, has come under the radar of the intelligence and law enforcement agencies following terrorist cases since 2019. Seven to eight terror accused have been found to belong to Thirthahalli. Sources told TNIE that they have all fled the taluk, leaving their families behind.

SC refers Kerala suit to Constitution bench

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IN a major relief to the State Government, the Supreme Court on Monday, referred its suit against the Union government to a five-member Constitution Bench. Kerala's petition challenged the restrictions imposed by the Union on borrowing limits and also sought an interim relief. A bench of justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan passed the order on a suit filed by the Kerala government accusing the Centre of interfering in the exercise of its "exclusive, autonomous and plenary powers" to regulate the state's finances by imposing a cap on borrowing.

The Constitution Bench will examine the Constitution's Article 131, dealing with the apex court's right to intervene in disputes between the Union and states, Article 293 dealing with the state government's executive power on borrowing. Also to be considered is the dispute between the state and Union over adjusting off-budget borrowings through public sector enterprises and SPVs in the net borrowing ceiling. Referring to Article 293 of the Constitution, the bench said this provision has not been so far subject to any authoritative interpretation by the apex court.

The court refused to pass orders for an interim relief that would have helped the state to obtain additional borrowings for the just-concluded fiscal. The court prima facie accepted the Union government's argument that overborrowings by state governments can be adjusted in the subsequent years. It observed that substantial relief was given to the state following the court's intervention. "We are unable to accept the argument of the Plaintiff at the interim stage that there is fiscal space of unutilized borrowing of either INR 10,722 crores as was orally prayed during the hearing or INR 24,434 Crores which was the borrowing claimed in the negotiations...," the court said in the order.

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> - Supreme Court

BJP to draw blank in Kerala; Tharoor, Pannian sing in chorus

T'Puram: As they agreed to disagree on most topics, the UDF and the LDF candidates in Thiruvananthapuram were in unison on one point - the BJP-led NDA will draw a blank in the state in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Speaking at Poll Exchange, an interaction with candidates organised by The New Indian Express in the run-up to the general election at Hotel Dimora on Monday, both Shashi Tharoor and Pannian Raveendran, however, acknowledged that the constituency was witnessing a three-cornered fight. NDA candidate Rajeev Chandrasekhar skipped the event though his team had earlier confirmed his participation. "It's true that it's a three cornered fight in Thiruvananthapuram, but victory won't be theirs (BJP's)," Tharoor said. Taking potshots at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claim that NDA will secure double digit seats in Kerala, he said, "If they attain double digits, then both digits would be zero." Pannian too dismissed BJP's prospects in the polls, asserting "BJP can never win a seat in Kerala." He said the rise in BJP's vote share in the seat in 2014 and 2019 was due to other factors. In the recent local body bypolls, BJP lost two wards considered its citadel in Thiruvananthapuram, he said. Referring to Rajeev Chandrasekhar backing out from the debate, Tharoor said avoiding public debates is a discredit to democracy. "In 2009, I attended 11 public debates. I was a novice then. Participation in public debates will help us to know people's minds. In 2014, the number of debates came down to four. In 2019, there was only one debate.

No vets in Gadag to treat cattle falling sick due to summer heat

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

IT'S a double whammy for farmers in Gadag district. On the one hand, hundreds of their cattle are suffering from dehydration and other summer-related illnesses, and on the other, there is an acute shortage of veterinary doctors at government vet hospitals in rural and taluk areas. As a result, the farmers are forced to take their cattle to Gadag for treatment which is quite a distance for them.

Many farmers have no choice but to treat their cattle on their own by using traditional methods. They are using natural methods of treatment like applying baking soda for cleaning and providing adequate clean drinking water, among others.

Gadag has been witnessing 40 degrees Celsius for the last two weeks. Foot-and-mouth disease has also been reported among some cattle.

Cattle at a village near Gadag | EXPRESS

All this is happening at a time when the farmers have completed all cleaning and other agricultural works and are set to begin ploughing in their fields with the help of their cattle. However, the cattle have gone weak due to dehydration.

The shortage of vets is not a new thing as the officials say the vacancies have not been filled for the last four years.

Some farmers can treat minor illnesses but in serious cases, they have to take their cattle to the district hospital in Gadag.

Vehicle that hit tusker still missing

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FOUR days after a tusker lost his tusk when a vehicle rammed into it, the Karnataka forest department and police officials have been unsuccessful in tracking the vehicle.

Forest officials found a broken tusk by the road near the Hediyala range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve on March 29.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the tusker was hit by a speeding vehicle. Veterinary examination showed that the tusk fell off, owing to the impact. A dog squad was also appointed to trace the vehicle, but blood stains were only found for a short distance. We are still on a look out for the vehicle, but have been unsuccessful," said an investigating forest official.

Officials stated that the incident has added to their worries as the area where the incident occurred is outside forest area and has no CCTV cameras around.

"Analysis of the tusk shows that it is not fresh, and the impact of the vehicle on the tusker was not huge. We have combed the area, and so far, no carcass has been found. The police are checking for the vehicle," the official added.

EC's crackdown on critical posts against EVMs

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QUESTIONING the credibility of electronic voting machines (EVM) and the Election Commission of India (ECI) seems to be the new trend in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls. But the EC has taken it seriously and has asked the police to initiate legal action against those engaged in spreading canards against the commission and voting machines via social media.

Following the directive, the state police have registered three cases in this regard and have forwarded around six other complaints to various district police chiefs for legal action. The police registered the cases suo motu based on the information provided by the social media monitoring cell of the state police. The cyber wing had commenced social media monitoring related to the general elections after the EC issued the poll notification on March 16.

HAL REVENUE UP 11% THIS FY

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HINDUSTAN Aeronautics Limited (HAL)--Defence public sector undertaking (PSU) recorded the highest ever revenue from operations of over Rs 29,810 crores (provisional and unaudited) for the financial year 2023-24.

The company registered a double-digit growth of around 11 per cent, compared to 9 per cent in 2022-23. The total revenue last year was capped at Rs 26,928 crores.

Despite major supply chain challenges arising due to geopolitical issues, the company met the expected revenue growth with improved performance for the year. "The order book stands over Rs 94,000 crores with additional major orders expected in the new financial year 2024-25," said Ananthakrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director (Addl Charge), HAL.

HAL received fresh manufacturing contracts of over Rs 19,000 crores and Repair and Overhaul (ROH) contracts of over Rs 16,000 crores in 2023-24. An export contract with Guyana Defence Forces for the supply of two Hindustan-228 aircraft was signed during 2023-24 and both the aircrafts were supplied in record time, within a month of signing the contract, noted a release by HAL.

A very significant milestone was also achieved with the first production series fighter of LCA Mk1A completing its maiden flight recently on March 28.

Other achievements include HAL and General Electric, USA signing an MoU for transfer of technology and manufacturing of GE-414 aero-engine for LCA MK2 Aircraft. The company will receive 80 per cent technology transfer for this programme, which is set to transform the Indian aero engine manufacturing ecosystem to be self-reliant.

A joint venture was initiated with Safran Helicopter Engines, France, for indigenous design and development of engines for Indian Multi-role Helicopter (IMRH) and Deck Based Multi-role Helicopter (DBMRH).

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NHAI to collect new toll rates only after polls

PTI @ New Delhi

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has asked state-owned NHAI (National Highways Authority of India) to go ahead with the calculation of new user fee (toll) rates on highways, which kicks in annually from April 1 across most of tolled highway stretches in the country, but said the new rates should be applicable only after the Lok Sabha elections.

The ECI was responding to a communication from road transport and highways minister in this regard.

The annual revision of toll hikes, which was expected to be in the range of average 5 per cent, was to come into effect on April 1 for most of tolled highways and expressways stretches across the country.

"The process required for the decision on the power tariff may be continued by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission. However, tariff award shall be made only after the completion of poll in the relevant state, i.e after the poll date/dates in the state.

"In respect to the clarification sought, it is stated that user fee may be seen in context of the power tariff as mentioned in the Commission's instruction cited above," the ECI said in a communication to the road ministry on Monday.

According to a senior NHAI official, the change in toll fee is part of an annual exercise to revise the rates that are linked to the changes in the wholesale price index based inflation.

The elections for the 18th Lok Sabha will begin on April 19, followed by subsequent phases on April 26, May 7, May 13, May 20, May 25, and June 1. The counting of votes is on June 4.

EXPRESS READ

Ex-IPS officer moves T'gana HC over land encroachment charges

Hyderabad: Former IPS officer and TDP party incharge Mandra Sivananda Reddy moved to the Telangana High Court seeking relief after his wife and son were apprehended by the state police. The apprehension pertains to alleged land encroachment charges involving 26 acres of land in Budvel of Rajendra Nagar, allegedly with fabricated documents. Reddy, his wife Uma Devi, and his son Kanishk filed a petition urging the court to restrain the Cyberabad CCS from taking coercive steps.

The rate of petrol which was Rs 70 when Congress was in the Centre has increased to Rs 100 now. The price of diesel has risen from Rs 55 to Rs 90. The price of gas has increased from Rs 400 to Rs 1,000. These are the achievements of the Modi government

Priyank Kharge, RDPR Minister

Ambareesh still central to Mandya politics

All parties ride on his name, HDK meets Sumalatha, DKS retracts earlier statement

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

AS campaigning picks up pace for the April 26 Lok Sabha elections, an interesting political potboiler is in the offing at the Mandya constituency with all parties dragging the name of late actor Ambareesh.

His wife and sitting MP Sumalatha Ambareesh on Sunday attacked DCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, who criticised BJP-JDS candidate HD Kumaraswamy visiting her seeking her support.

Shivakumar said he was jealous of the turn of events in Mandya politics as Kumaraswamy visited his foe Sumalatha, who defeated Nikhil Kumaraswamy, a Congress-JD(S) alliance candidate, in the 2019 polls.

"What is wrong with Shivakumar if Kumaraswamy visits me? Did my husband Ambareesh betray the party which he served for over two decades," she shot back.

Realising that the issue could take an emotional turn, Shivakumar on Monday clarified that he will never meddle with Sumalatha's politics. "The whole country knows what Congress gave Ambareesh," he said.

Kumaraswamy sought Sumalatha's support as she is expected to make her decision public on Wednesday as to whether she would contest as an independent or identify herself with BJP.

Kumaraswamy, who chose to bury the hatchet with Sumalatha, called her "akka" (elder sister) during the meeting at her residence in Bengaluru and claimed that Ambareesh was close to him.

Mandya district incharge minister N Chaluvarayaswamy, who had backed Sumalatha in 2019 when she contested as an independent, suggested to her to remain neutral in the upcoming polls. In the previous election, she rode the sympathy wave after Ambareesh's death in 2018, and won handsomely. Whether she will remain apolitical or jump into the thick of action will be known on Wednesday when she holds a meeting with the supporters of the late actor.

Ambareesh, known as 'Mandyada Gandu' (son of Mandya), had represented the seat three times -- from 1998 to 1999 as a JDS MP and from 1999–2004 and 2004–2009 as a Congress representative. In 2008, he resigned as the minister of state for information and broadcasting, alleging that the Cauvery river dispute tribunal meted out injustice to the state.

ALL EYES ON SUMALATHA'S NEXT POLITICAL MOVE

Mysuru: Pressure is mounting on Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambreesh, who is all set to announce her next political move in April 3, to take a "self-respecting" decision. Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said Sumalatha should announce her support to the Congress, or take a neutral stand in the forthcoming polls. Sumalatha missed the BJP ticket as it allowed JDS to field its state president HD Kumaraswamy. Meanwhile, state BJP chief B Y Vijayendra and Kumaraswamy appealed Sumalatha for support. The MP has called a meeting of her followers and fans of veteran actor late Amabreesh to announce her decision, keeping political leaders on the tenterhooks.

CM Siddaramaiah and Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Congress candidate Sunil Bose during a LS election campaign meeting in Mysuru district | UDAYASHANKAR S

CM: Elect Congmen with a big margin to cement my position

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddarmaiah on Monday played an emotional card in the Varuna constituency, appealing to the people of the segment to ensure the victory of the Congress candidate from the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency to further cement his position in the government. He said the Varuna constituency represented by him and his son, former MLA Dr Yathindra, should give a minimum of 60,000-vote lead.

Siddaramaiah called Varuna his lucky constituency as he was elected from here with a huge margin in both 2013 and 2023 that helped him become chief minister twice.

"If you want me to continue as chief minister, you should vote for the victory of Congress candidate Sunil Bose so that no one will disturb me," he appealed.

He said the guarantee schemes have contributed to the economic empowerment of both men and women and increased their purchasing power. Ironically, those opposing the schemes, including BJP workers, are also enjoying the benefits of the guarantees, he commented.

He accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of not walking the talk and taking people for a ride with his 'Achhe Din Aayega' campaign. "Mere dialogues will not bring down prices of petrol, diesel and fertilisers. The PM should have conscience and empathy for people to generate employment and double the farmer's income," he said.

He criticised the Centre for giving just Rs12,000 under the Prime Minister Housing's scheme. The Centre that sanctions Rs 1.50 lakh per house also collects 18 per cent GST from the beneficiaries, whereas the state government sanctions Rs1.28 lakh, he said.

On JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda, he said the former prime minister once wanted to take rebirth as a Muslim, but now claims to have a strong bond with Modi.

He said of Rs 4 lakh crore remitted to the Centre by the state as taxes, only Rs 53,000 crore has been given to the state government. He lashed out at Modi for not touring flood-affected areas in Karnataka.

Yaduveer infuses political zeal into traditional festivals

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

IN a vibrant combination of tradition and politics, village festivals and the 'Maari Habba' season have become a ground for political campaigning, with parties leveraging these cultural events to connect with voters.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family and BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu constituency has also embraced this trend, using these age-old rituals as platforms for political outreach.

Yaduveer's affiliation with the BJP has added historical significance, given the royal family's historical patronage of such festivals. His strategic embrace of these age-old rituals transcends mere symbolism, infusing them with a fervent political zeal that resonates deeply with rural voters.

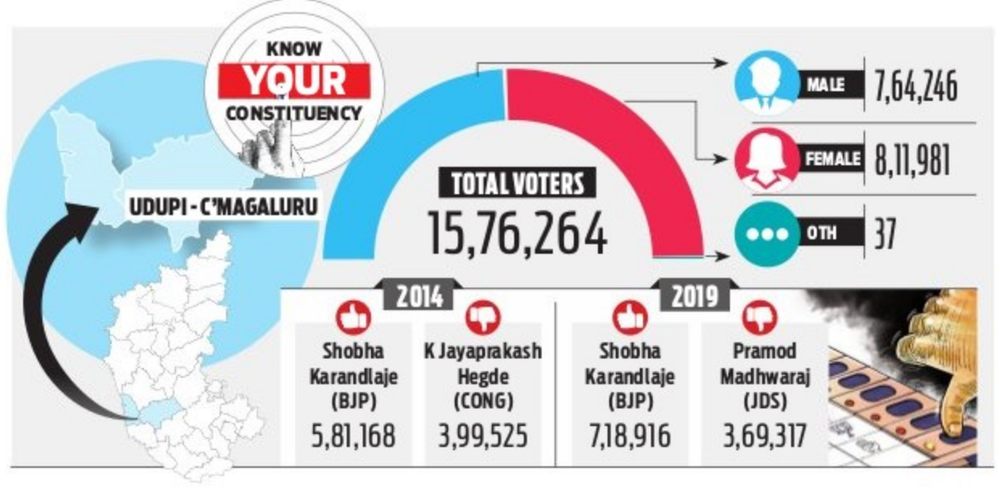
Amid the colourful tapestry of village festivals, jathra mahotsavs like the vibrant Vontikoppal Jathra Mahotsav, Ramanahalli Jathra, and the spirited Yelwal Mari Habba, Jayapura festival, and many more, Yaduveer, taking part in all these, has emerged as a charismatic figure, seamlessly blending tradition with contemporary political discourse. Yaduveer's presence at these gatherings was not merely ceremonial, but he and his party strategically designed and made him take part in it to show and mark a genuine immersion in local customs.

This strategic approach, aimed at resonating with the sentiments of rural voters, is expected to help the BJP increase its electorate and reach.

"Villagers were happy that the 'Maharaja' himself took part in our village festival. Even Congress followers were excited to see Yaduveer visiting our village, and this sentiment might convert into votes as well," said Naganna, a resident of Ramanalli village.

Meanwhile, this strategic approach shows the BJP and Yaduveer's astute understanding of the electorate's pulse, leveraging the emotive power of tradition to forge authentic connections with rural communities. As the electoral drumbeat intensifies, Yaduveer's colorful participation in these cultural galas seems to favor him as well, seeking to capture votes and nurture a deeper sense of cultural pride and political awareness among constituents.

BJP candidate Yaduveer takes part in a religious event at Jayapura village in Mysuru



BJP banks on development agenda, Congress dishes out regional issues

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

K Jayaprakash Hegde

Kota Srinivas Poojary

THOUGH local issues are not surprisingly resonating much during the campaigning of political parties in the Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha constituency this time, people are heard talking about the demand charter they have in their minds when their opinions are sought on how the battleground should look like in the ensuing election.

BJP has been on a winning streak here since 2004 general elections and the only exception is the by-election in 2012 when Congress' K Jayaprakash Hegde won. This constituency has been a strong bastion of BJP as the Hindutva factor, coupled with Modi wave since 2014 general election, has enabled the saffron party clinch resounding victories.

Until the delimitation exercise in 2008, Udupi and Chikkamagaluru were separate Lok Sabha constituencies. In 1980, 1984, 1989, 1991 and 1996 general elections, Congress' Oscar Fernandes ruled the roost in the Udupi Lok Sabha seat. Then came the election in 1998 when BJP's IM Jayaram Shetty won and broke Congress' fortress. Congress' Vinay Kumar Sorake wrested the seat in 1999. However, BJP's Manorama Madhwaraj won the seat in the 2004 general elections.

After the delimitation exercise, BJP's Sadananda Gowda won in 2009 in the newly formed Udupi-Chikkamagalur constituency. Though in the 2012 by-election, Congress' Jayaprakash Hegde clinched the seat, BJP's Shobha Karandlaje became MP from here in 2014 and 2019 elections with impressive margins. The erstwhile Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha constituency witnessed support of voters for Congress.

Electoral history shows Congress candidates winning in 1977, 1980, 1984, 1989 and 1991. Janata Dal's BL Shankar broke the Congress juggernaut and won in the 1996 election. Then in 1998, 1999 and 2004 elections, BJP's Srikantappa emerged victorious. Chikkamagaluru had drawn a large contingent of media persons from various parts of the country and abroad when former PM Indira Gandhi contested in the high-octane October 1978 by-election that gave her a political rebirth.

Cut to 2024, drinking water issues and unemployment problems still persist. Migration of educated youth to Gulf countries and other places abroad and metropolitan cities in search of jobs, non-starter of environment-friendly industries, impending merger of Konkan Railway with Indian Railways for better railway connectivity have been the bane in the coastal parts, while in Chikkamagaluru, the interest of coffee and areca nut growers are the poll issues.

BJP candidate Kota Srinivas Poojary is wooing voters promising them development in the constituency, while Congress' K Jayaprakash Hegde says local leadership, read new MP to be elected, should possess the ability to solve the problem and voters should consider this point when they cast their votes. It is said that though BJP is trying to retain the seat by riding on development and Modi wave, Congress is amassing resources to give a tough fight to BJP.

400 SEATS WISHFUL THINKING, BJP WON'T CROSS 200, SAYS SIDDARAMAIAH

Mysuru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said the BJP-led NDA will not get more than 200 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "The BJP is projecting that they will win the highest of 400 seats after knowing that their performance will be dismal in the forthcoming election. The Congress will win 18 to 20 seats in Karnataka," he told reporters here. Claiming that even a BJP survey has projected that the party will bag less than 200 seats, Siddaramaiah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign will not have any impact as the people of Karnataka voted for the Congress in the assembly election. "The price rise has hit the common man as diesel is sold at Rs 92 a litre, petrol at Rs 101 and domestic gas at Rs 950 as against Rs 450 during the UPA regime. The Centre is selling fuel at the same prices despite a slump in prices of crude oil," he said. Siddaramaiah defended former MLA Yathindra calling Home Minister Amit Shah calling a "gunda", saying that his son had referred to a CBI report. "The BJP lacks culture and need not preach about culture to Yathindra," he said. Clarifying that he has not met or called BJP MP V Srinivasa Prasad over phone, Siddaramaiah said ministers H C Mahadevappa and K Venkatesh and others had called on him. He said the party will welcome anyone who has faith in the Congress ideology. ENS

Karadi Sanganna to continue in BJP

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Koppal

KOPPAL MP Karadi Sanganna will not join the Congress, but will continue with the BJP. The senior BJP leader was upset for the last few days after he was denied the ticket and his supporters had pelted stones at Koppal BJP office. His followers had also organised a big function in a show of strength. After all these developments, Sanganna had a press meet here on Monday, announcing his support for BJP candidate Basavaraj Kyavatar.

Sanganna is one of the main leaders who built the BJP in Koppal. He was a two-time MP from Koppal in 2014 and 2019. All BJP leaders in Koppal and his followers earlier felt that Sanganna will get an MP ticket, but Koppal-based doctor Kyavatar got the ticket.

Sanganna also campaigned on behalf of Kyavatar in Kushtagi from Monday evening. Sanganna's followers said he will continue with the BJP for PM Narendra Modi's win. Sanganna's followers had demanded to change the contestant, but Sanganna said he convinced them as it is not possible at this moment.

There were many rumours that Sanganna will join the Congress and that DCM D K Shivakumar had approached him. Voters were also confused about Sanganna's next move. Last week, there were reports that Sanganna will contest independently

Sanganna said, "I have started campaigning and am telling people to vote for the BJP for Modi's win."

Koppal MP Karadi Sanganna at a Swabhiman Samavesh of his followers in Koppal recently | EXPRESS

Trouble for Cong in Dharwad as ex-MP may fight as independent

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
@ Hubballi

FORMER Lok Sabha member, **Manjunath Kunnur,** is likely to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections from Dharwad as an independent after the Congress denied him the ticket.

While the Congress has fielded Vinod Asuti, Union Minister and incumbent MP from Dharwad, Pralhad Joshi, is the BJP candidate.

Kunnur, who in the past has been both with the Congress and the BJP, is known to switch sides whenever the ticket is denied to him. Kunnur, who had been in political hibernation since 2009, actually saw an opportunity to return to active politics during the 2023 Assembly polls and joined the Congress. He wanted to contest from the Shiggaon segment, but the party denied him the chance. In fact, Kunnur is the last Congressman to have won Shiggaon way back in 1994.

When the Congress denied a ticket to Kunnur in 2004, he joined the BJP, got a chance to contest from the Dharwad South Lok Sabha segment, and got elected. It was the first time the saffron party had won the seat, thanks to the Vajpayee wave. However, his exit from the BJP was imminent, as he voted in favour of the Indo-US nuclear deal in 2008, violating the party's whip. Then he was accused of allegedly crossing voting for monetary gain. He, however, refuted the allegations and said that, being a responsible citizen of the country, he went along with the nuclear deal as per his conscience and considering the benefits of the deal.

Later, Kunnur rejoined the Congress, and the latter fielded him from the Dharwad LS segment against Pralhad Joshi in the 2009 General Elections. He, however, tasted defeat. As the party did not consider him for the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, he again joined the BJP ahead of the 2019 LS polls. Since he did not get any good attention from the party, he returned to Congress just before the 2023 Assembly polls.

Kunnur defends his act of switching sides often, that too ahead of any election. He said that when he felt the party, in which he was, did not treat him fairly, and whenever his pride got hurt, he switched sides. This apart, if the parties taking their stand on pro-people issues were against his conscience, he openly revolted and stood along with the people's interests, Kunnur added.

On going as a rebel against the Congress, Kunnur said that since the Lingayats are the dominant community in the Dharwad segment, it was expected of the party to field a candidate from the community. Since he belonged to the influential Panchamsali sect of the community, he was hoping to get a chance, but the party neglected the community. So, he was thinking of contesting as an independent, and a decision in this regard would taken in a couple of days, he added.

Cong behind seers opposing Joshi, claims BJP

MALLIKARJUN HIREAMTH
@ Dharwad

WITH opposition for Union Minister Pralhad Joshi's candidature from Dharwad LS seat by the Dingaleshwara mutt seer growing stronger, BJP leaders are now claiming that the seer's move is motivated by the Congress.

Over the past few days, the seer has been opposing Joshi's candidature, claiming that he has neglected other communities. A few seers joined hands with the Dingaleshwara seer but later withdrew their opposition. BJP leaders claim that the entire Lingayat community is with Joshi, and this sudden opposition is testimony that it's the handiwork of Congress leaders, as the party is fearful of losing the election.

Mohan Ramdurg, a BJP leader, alleged that there was no objection to Joshi, but suddenly there were some developments. Lingayat mass leader and former chief minister BS Yeddiyurappa has also asked the seer not to create a ruckus.

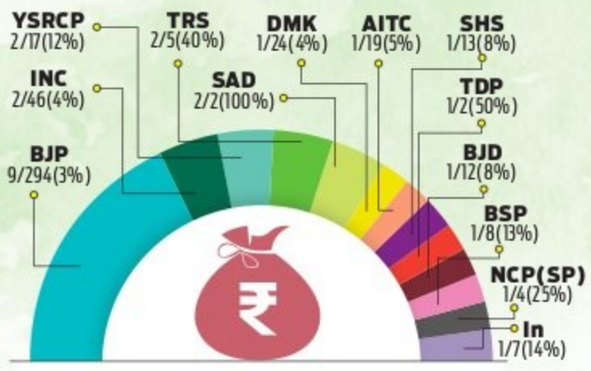
"This is not new for the party or candidate; we have experienced the same issues in other parts of the state. If the allegation is true, why have other seers withdrawn their opposition and assented to Pralhad Joshi as candidate? A few seers have also clarified that judging the candidate or political party is not the job of mutts, but the duty of voters," Ramdurg said.

A close aide of the Dingaleshwara seer claimed that he was against injustice to other communities. "Many seers are of the same opinion but are worried to come out in the open. If not now, the truth will come out in future and people will say it too. We are not motivated by any political party or leaders, we don't have any personal grudges against the candidate but we have to listen to the community's voice too," he added.

People are standing strong with Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray (members of Maha Vikas Aghadi). People are confident that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi can change the current situation

Jayant Patil, NCP(SP) leader

PARTYWISE MPs WITH ASSETS OVER ₹100 CRORE



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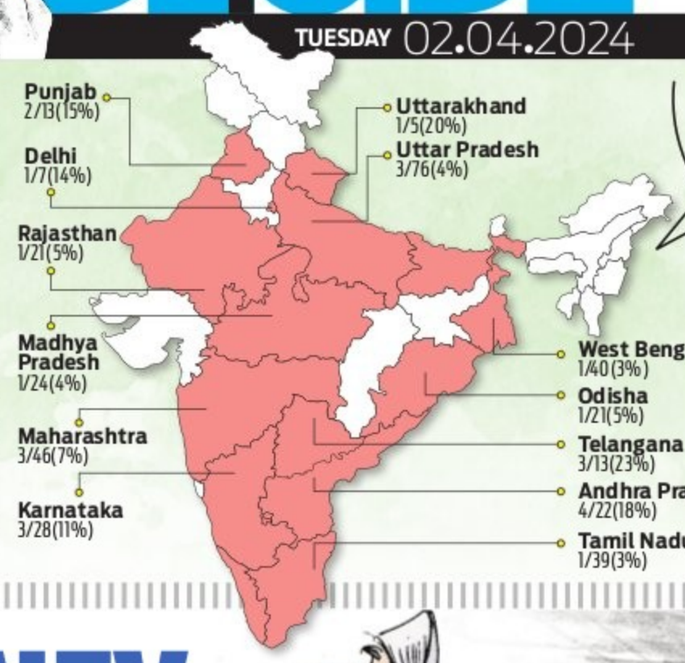
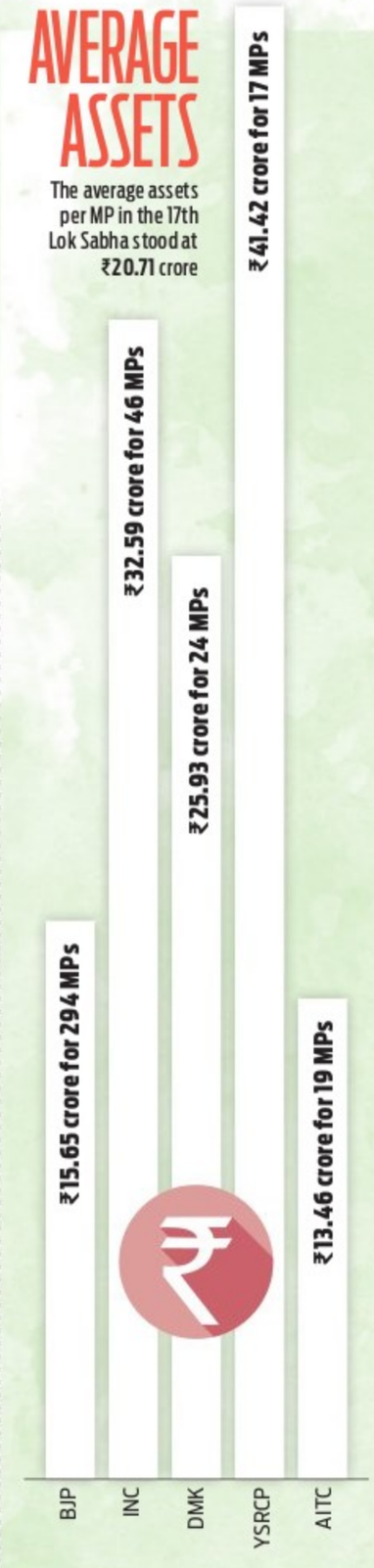


WOMEN MPs

BJP's Mathura MP Hema Malini had total assets worth ₹250 crore (₹25 crore movable and ₹224 crore immovable). SAD's Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal had ₹217 crore assets (₹100 crore movable and ₹117 immovable)

AVERAGE ASSETS

The average assets per MP in the 17th Lok Sabha stood at ₹20.71 crore



(Source: Association of Democratic Reforms)

HIGHEST LIABILITIES

A total of **140 MPs** have declared liabilities of ₹1 crore and above, while 37 have declared liabilities of **₹10 crore** and above. Top 3 MPs with high liabilities were:

MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH
Tehri Garhwal (Uttarakhand)
BJP
TOTAL ASSETS ₹184 CRORE
LIABILITIES ₹135 CRORE

MALOOK NAGAR
Bijnor (Uttar Pradesh)
BSP
TOTAL ASSETS ₹249 CRORE
LIABILITIES ₹101 CRORE
(₹20 crore disputed)

MONEY MATTER

Of the 514 MPs of the 17th Lok Sabha, 25 MPs, or 5%, have declared assets worth over ₹100 crore, finds an ADR analysis of their affidavits

HIGHEST ASSETS

25 MPs have declared more than ₹100 crore worth of assets

TOP: 3

1 NAKUL NATH
Chhindwara (Madhya Pradesh)
INC
Movable assets: ₹618 crore
Immovable assets: ₹41 crore
TOTAL ASSETS: ₹660 CRORE

2 DK SURESH
Bangalore Rural (Karnataka)
INC
Movable assets: ₹33 crore
Immovable assets: ₹305 crore
TOTAL ASSETS: ₹338 CRORE

3 K RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU
(Andhra Pradesh)
Independent
Movable assets: ₹198 crore
Immovable assets: ₹127 crore
TOTAL ASSETS: ₹325 CRORE
LIABILITIES: 101 CRORE

4 MPs have not declared PAN

Out of the affidavits of 514 legislators analysed by the ADR report, four MPs were found to have not declared their PAN (Permanent Account Number). This included BJP's Solapur (Maharashtra) MP Dr Jay Siddeshwar Sivacharya Mahaswamiji, who had total assets worth ₹2 crore; Congress Alathur (Kerala) MP Ramya Haridas with assets worth ₹11 lakh, BJP's Ladakh MP Tsering Namgyal with properties worth ₹9 lakh and BJP's Aska (Odisha) MP Pramila Bisoyi with a properties worth ₹7 lakh

LOWEST ASSETS

The three MPs with lowest assets had movable properties and no immovable ones.

GODDETI MADHAVI
Araku (Andhra Pradesh)
YSRCP
TOTAL ASSETS ₹1,41,179

CHANDRANI MURMU
Keonjhar (Odisha)
BJD
TOTAL ASSETS ₹3,40,580

SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR
Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh),BJP
TOTAL ASSETS ₹4,44,244

Legislators with high declared incomes

TDP's Guntur MP Jayadev Galla topped the list of legislators with high declared income. He had ₹43 crore total income from business, agriculture, investments, rent and salary. TRS MP G Ranjith Reddy followed with 33 crore income from business, rent, agriculture and salary; YSRCP's A Prabhakara Reddy with ₹26 crore from business, rent, capital gains, interest and agriculture; BJP's Pinaki Misra with ₹24 crore from his profession as an advocate, and BJP's Gautam Gambhir with ₹12 crore professional and business income. NCP(SP)'s Supriya Sule had ₹9 crore from business

2,000
people in war room drive poll preparations
Use of Artificial Intelligence tools
Like- minded influencers
Messages to be sent via social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Youtube
STRATEGY
A 'guarantee card' signed by party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi will be released soon and distributed in every household
The country is divided into five clusters: North, South, East, West and Central; States and Lok Sabha constituencies come under these clusters
Broadcast of Rahul Gandhi's speeches in different Indian languages being mulled
Constituencies are colour-coded: Green (most favouring), red (most difficult), orange (battleground)

EC censures BJP's Ghosh, Cong's Shrinate

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday issued an order censuring BJP MP **Dilip Ghosh** and Congress leader **Supriya Shrinate** for their derogatory remarks against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and BJP's Mandi candidate in Himachal Pradesh Kangana Ranaut respectively.

After receiving their respective replies to notices issued to them over Model Code of Conduct (MCC) violations, the poll panel's order said that it was convinced that they made personal attacks and thus violated the provisions of the MCC.

The EC had on March 27, issued show-cause notices on Ghosh and Shrinate for their "offensive", "insulting" and

"undignified" comments against the West Bengal CM and Ranaut respectively.

In the order, the poll panel has warned Ghosh and Shrinate to "remain careful in their public utterances" during the period in which the MCC has been in force.

The commission also stressed that it "considers the whole process of conducting elections as a major enhancer of status of women in India and is committed not to allow any erosion of this status in any manner during the election period under its own aegis."

Their election-related communications would be "specially and additionally" monitored by the commission from here on, it further said.

A copy of the warning notice or censure is also being marked to their respective party chiefs for sensitising their functionaries to be careful while communicating in public domain and refrain from any such derogatory comments and MCC guideline violations.

A controversial comment was posted on social media platforms from Shrinate's accounts against Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut.

Following a row, Shrinate removed the controversial remarks from all her social accounts, claiming that those were not posted by her but by someone else who had access to her accounts.

Ghosh was captured on video mocking TMC chief Mamata Banerjee's family background.

He later apologised for his contentious remarks.

Congress war room depends on 'organic workforce', ropes in social media influencers

Hands-on poll plan with help from AI

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress war room is working round the clock amid an unprecedented financial constraints due to the recent Income Tax action against the party. From roping in social influencers to using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, the thrust of the election strategy is on digital and social media platforms including WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Youtube.

The Congress war room, comprising a core group of 2,000 members, is streamlining the preparations across the country.

Speaking to this newspaper, Congress war room chairman Vaibhav Walia said that as the party is facing one of the toughest elections, it is banking highly on volunteers and "organic workforce". As part of the campaign strategy, the country has been divided into five clusters — North, South, East, West and Central.

"Under these clusters, we've got states and under states, we've got Lok Sabha constituencies. We have further categorised the constituencies on the basis of colour coding — green, red and orange in terms of winnability chances," said Walia.

The constituencies are categorised into three segments -- most favouring, most difficult and battle line constituencies. "We are trying to put maximum effort on the battleground constituencies. Currently the focus is on phase wise and we are targeting the first phase of poll to be held on April 19," he said.

The messaging is done in an organic way, said Walia. "We have one crore digital party members and these volunteers are sent data and digital content daily through WhatsApp. We are telling them to amplify our voices. We are trying to have an organised voice. We have a leadership coordination team who send content to all our leaders," he added.

A day at the war room starts with a call in the morning at 9am to decide the narrative of the day. "Then we have implementation calls to different teams. We've got a monitoring team to monitor reports every morning. We take feedback from Lok Sabha candidates phase wise," said a functionary.

"Everybody from twitter handles including party chief Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and other leaders, Youth Congress handles, PCCs, everybody speaking in a unified voice. We are trying to make the best optimum utilisation of the resources given all the constraints," the functionary said.

Apart from the core team, the party also set up 10,000 active volunteers, and 'Nyay yodhas' launched during the Rahul Gandhi-led yatra.

"We've got a database of around three lakh yodhas. Then there are around 60,000 hyperactive digital volunteers too," he said.

While the BJP is far ahead in advertisement campaigning, Walia said the Congress is making optimum use of technology including AI to counter the saffron party. The AI team comprises three members, he said.

"In our advertisements, we are using AI and machine learning to target our ads better because we have limited resources. To reach the right person, we are trying to make use of a lot of data points and ad tools. Second is content creation. For videos and image creation, we're using AI," said Walia.

While the BJP has come up with AI dubbed speeches of PM Modi in eight Indian languages, the Congress is also mulling to introduce Rahul Gandhi's speeches in multiple languages through AI. "It is in the pipeline. I don't know if it'll be approved or not because one has to be really sure about the result. It can't be diluted. Once he starts speaking in the election rallies, we will test it. If it works out, then we'll push it," said Walia.

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Cong manifesto by April 5

The Congress will release its manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections at the AICC headquarters on April 5. The party's top leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress parliamentary party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will address mega rallies in Jaipur and Hyderabad the next day. The Congress election manifesto will focus on 'Paanch Nyay' (five pillars of justice), as well as its guarantees.

RLD vice-president resigns

Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) vice-president Shahid Siddiqui resigned from the party stating that he is unable associate with an alliance headed by the BJP. Jayant Chaudhary-led RLD had joined the NDA last month. In a post on X, the former Rajya Sabha MP wrote that "India's Constitution and democratic structure are in danger, remaining silent is a sin." Siddiqui said he was aware of Chaudhary's political compulsions and is not in a position to advise him.

BJP back to drawing board at 1st manifesto panel meet

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE 27-member election manifesto committee of the BJP at its first meeting held at the party central office on Monday deliberated on a comprehensive roadmap towards realisation of 'Viksit Bharat' vision. Eight Union ministers and three chief ministers of the party-ruled states attended the first meeting of the committee.

Chairing the meeting as its president, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reportedly emphasized the inclusion of suggestions that reflect people's concerns towards the development of the country.

"Our 'Sankalp-Patra' for the Lok Sabha elections is being prepared in line with Prime Minister Modi's vision of 'Viksit-Bharat' in which every important issue related to the public will be given space," Vinod Tawde, a member of the manifesto committee, said in a post on microb-blogging site X.

Another member, Piyush Goyal, told the media that the party had received more than 3.75 lakh suggestions through its 'missed call' drive and nearly 1.70 lakh on PM Modi's Namo App from across the country.

The roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat' was discussed in detail at the meeting. "The number of suggestions received by us shows the people's trust in PM Modi's leadership," he said.

Another member said the process to cull out important suggestions received from the people has begun under different categories. "The sorted suggestions will be put up at the next meeting for deliberation and final selection," he said, indicating that the BJP is working to incorporate themes such as 'Modi Ki Guarantee'.

Earlier, the BJP launched a special fortnight drive to collect suggestions for the manifesto, which is all set to come out before April 15-16 as the government's priority for the poor, youth, women and farmers. As many as 916 video vans were launched earlier through 3,500 assembly constituencies to collect people's suggestions and seek their views.

Our Sankalp-Patra will be in accordance with the PM's dream of 'Viksit-Bharat', in which every important issue of public will be given space

Vinod Tawde, BJP General Secretary

Public suggestions

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EDITORIAL

"Accepting the absurdity of everything around us is one step, a necessary experience: it should not become a dead end" — Albert Camus

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— Ramnath Goenka

CASH-STARVED CONG STRUGGLES TO DEAL WITH TAX GOOGLY

WITH the income tax department freezing funds and slapping fresh demands of over ₹3,500 crore on the Congress, the party appears to be staring down the barrel of a gun. The tax orders disturbed the level playing field the Election Commission is mandated to ensure after polls are notified. But the government assured the Supreme Court it would not take coercive action on the recovery of the fresh tax demands during the Lok Sabha elections. When a national party like the Congress admits it no longer has the ability to spend on print and TV advertisements, you get a sense of its desperation. The party has since restricted its ad blitz to social media platforms and asked its state units to fend for themselves through crowdfunding. That the grand old party was caught unawares was reflected in Tamil Nadu MP Manickam Tagore admitting the situation could have been handled better had the state units known about the challenge six months ago.

Rahul Gandhi recently said his party's central unit was not even able to spend ₹2 on campaign work. That might be an exaggeration but it amplified the hard stance of its opponent, not deterred by its democratic fallout and ignoring the concerns of the US and UN. Coming as the action did just before the elections, the Congress raged against what it called "tax terrorism". But its timing is suspect—it knew the crackdown was imminent, as the tax sleuths acted only after the Delhi High Court last month dismissed the party's challenges to the reassessment of the last six years' returns. The court sneered at the party tactically seeking legal intervention only near the end of the taxman's proceedings. It also saw merit in the claim that the reassessment was necessitated following the recovery of incriminating documents in 2019 raids, which allegedly revealed lots of hidden revenues not recorded in the books.

That the BJP would not miss an opportunity to choke the opposition's money power is well known. For example, when demonetisation happened in November 2016, one of the alleged unstated objectives was to render the state parties' stash of black money useless ahead of the UP polls. But the Congress chose a flawed strategy to fend off the nosey taxman. Had it been more proactive in keeping its books, chances are it could have been on firmer ground.

INDIAN FOOTBALL'S NEW EMBARRASSING LOW

INDIAN football has hit another nadir. The cheers have been replaced by jeers. The national team's 1-2 loss against Afghanistan at home was a reflection of all that is bad about Indian football. The team that was ranked within 100 now stands at 116; it struggled against a war-torn Afghanistan ranked 158 and playing with a hurriedly-assembled team. Swords are out against head coach Igor Stimac, the jingoistic Croatian who once said, "This is new India." Though accountable, he is by no means the only reason for India's poor show. The team that can hardly stitch together a string of passes or make a decisive move towards the goal has failed to improve. As things stand, no matter who the coach is—Pep Guardiola or Jurgen Klopp—the team will not magically resurrect.

The failure is a reflection on the system itself. The All India Football Federation (AIFF), instead of focusing on big-ticket events like FIFA tournaments, should look into their grassroots programmes. The 2017 U17 World Cup in India is a case in point. That well-trained and widely-travelled junior team has not contributed to the senior team as much as was projected; only a few players enjoyed a seamless transition. Also, the Indian Super League (ISL), which is in its 10th year, has not yielded the desired results. A league without relegation lacks intensity and high-pressure situations. It's a league where footballers beyond their prime from strong footballing nations like Brazil, Spain and Portugal ply their trade. It's a place where Indians usually play second fiddle. It looks like a failed experiment. After cricket, some ISL footballers are the highest paid professionals in the country. And they are happy to play in a mediocre setup.

When the newly-elected AIFF officials headed by Kalyan Chaubey, a former international and a BJP politician, took office, a lot was expected from them. What the nation got was controversy after controversy, including the sacking of its secretary general and allegations of corruption and, more recently, charges of assault on women footballers. There have been more foreign travels of officials than discussions on India's roadmap to get the sport back in shape. The Sports Authority and the sports ministry have put Stimac on notice, but that's just a part of the remedy. Things are unlikely to improve unless the ecosystem changes.

QUICK TAKE

MORE DRONE DIDIS WELCOME

THE prime minister's scheme to train women in using drones for farming is a journey in the right direction. It helps the women-led self-help groups or SHGs involved in the scheme earn money and, at the same time, provides farmers with cheaper, time-saving options for arduous jobs such as spreading seeds and pesticides. The scheme's potential is immense in a country boasting of 93 lakh SHGs involving 9 crore women. It can surely be widened from its current fleet of 1,000 drones and 15,000 self-help groups. Companies, including those in the growing ecosystem of drone manufacturers, should come forward to support it.

Terror networks went into a shell during the pandemic. But global events since the US withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021 have given them a fresh impetus

FOCUS MOSCOW: THE RETURN OF GLOBAL TERROR

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ON March 22, a terrorist attack killed at least 137 people at the Crocus City Hall in Krasnogorsk at the edge of Moscow city during a rock concert. The incident had echoes of Moscow's Nord-Ost theatre siege in 2002, where more than 170 people died, and the 2004 seizure of a school in Beslan in which 334 people, including 186 children, perished. Those attacks were carried out by Chechen militants fighting a separatist war against Russia. They had ties to Al Qaeda-related groups at the height of the early years of the first cycle of global terror.

The Krasnogorsk incident, which seemed to suggest a pattern akin to earlier incidents in Russia, initially threw up a few possibilities. First that it was related to and an outcome of the Russian involvement in the war against Ukraine, that it was a Ukraine-initiated event to take the war into Russia's interior. This was vehemently denied by Ukraine, which, despite bearing the brunt of Russian assaults on its cities and civil populations, has not attempted to target the Russian civilian population. The action appeared to be aimed at embarrassing President Putin either during the election or immediately afterwards.

Claims and investigations involving body cam clips of the incident ultimately point towards the Afghanistan-based Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP), which accuses Russia of having Muslim blood on its hands in Afghanistan, Chechnya and Syria. If the ISKP claim is true, then it signifies an attempt to signal that it has finally established itself in the vicinity of the near abroad region in sufficient measure to target Russia and its interests, including those in and around Central Asia.

The Kremlin is obviously concerned. In addition to the much-projected image of national unity in the war against Ukraine, Russia is also increasingly economically dependent on seasonal and migrant workers, particularly from Central Asia; remember, Russia has a dwindling population. Also, do recall that Russia once had a token number of troops deployed in Tajikistan to keep an eye on the area, which has 72 million Muslims all vulnerable to the vile propaganda of the ISKP and similar exponents of Islamic terrorism. This deployment is now history once the Russian Army found itself deficient in troops in Ukraine.

Krasnogorsk is an event that has been condemned around the world without full realisation of what its geopolitical significance is. On one hand, there are beliefs about the connection of ISKP through the mother organisation ISIS to the US, which, it is alleged, is the main sponsor of ISIS to prevent a Russian-Iranian takeover of Syria and northern Iraq. No credible evidence of this has ever been presented. Krasnogorsk appears to increasingly signify the return of global terror; the making of a second cycle after the decline of the first witnessed during the pandemic. This was something anticipated for long; the recent historical legacy is important to understand.

We have believed that global terror incubated in Afghanistan after ISIS lost the battle of Mosul in 2018. The latter led to it attempting a failed revival in Marawi in the Philippines and a last-ditch attempt in Sri Lanka with the Easter bombings in April 2019. With the coming of the pandemic in 2020, terrorism went into a shell but with all networks intact; a phenomenon that takes place when terror groups temporarily withdraw to recoup. ISIS gravitated to Northern Afghanistan in an area where neither the Taliban nor the coalition forces had presence or control. The US withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021 offered the greatest opportunities to terrorist groups to break their shackles and emerge as before. The situation in the Middle East was yet in the middle of the follow-up to the Abraham Accords.

The outbreak of the Ukraine war in February 2022, six months after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, took away a lot of attention from the likely threats of international terrorism. The rise of the Afghan Taliban, the encouragement it has given to the Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), and in the last five months the atrocities across Gaza after an equally obnoxious display of terrorism by Hamas against innocents in Southern Israel have all given rise to the sentiments that have gone into the making of fresh triggers. These have the potential to take the world back to the days of 9/11 and thereafter. Islamic radicalism is back and flourishing.

From Afghanistan as a base, Islamic terrorists have been able to strike Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. Afghanistan's Taliban government appears to be taking on the mantle once donned by Zia ul Haq and the ISI to be one of the lead sponsors of terrorism through motivation using the radical route. The Taliban is using its surrogate, the Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) as the sword arm of this attempt to revive militant Islam and have greater control over it.

Al Qaeda has been quieter in comparison and is yet trying to re-establish its significance in the new strategic matrix that global revival of terrorism is trying to create. In the strange world of global terrorism, although there is little or no coordination, a live and let live norm seems to have come into existence, at least for now. The Af-Pak region, where the terror footprint is increasing by the day, will find state response increasingly weak and easy to overcome, given Pakistan's utter downturn in its security capability; that is a nation that fought terror through the conventional mode during Operation Zarb e Azb.

With the display of brazen capability to establish networks in Central Asia, execute acts in Russia's capital and remain capable of targeting the Iranian city of Kerman, even during an event in memory of national hero General Qassem Soleimani, the ISKP is demonstrating a creeping expansion. Recent exposes in India reflect the tip of the possible iceberg. The nation that should be most worried is China. Its counter terrorism experience is next to nil, except for the string of some very harsh measures in Xinjiang from where many of the fighters of the ISKP hail.

The second cycle of global terror will be countered by much greater experience, but much more technologies are also available to terrorists. Even with impending ceasefires in Ukraine and Gaza, it's unlikely that the world will witness too much peace as yet.

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POLITICS OF NEW POETRY AND THE SALESMAN POET

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IN the new Google and Apple world, the individual loses his or her edge exactly as in a mega mall. Or in an airport. You sift through racks. Or clear the ticket counter and the security. There are fixed ways to behave. There are rules. There are queues.

The greatest corruption that a post-informational society assists into birth is a uniform world, where our most personal opinions and the most intimate desires must express themselves as acceptable to groups. So what do we do? We pretend that inside and outside we are the same. The kind of thing a politician—the ultimate salesman—perhaps will do to win your vote.

To the natural outsider (recall Albert Camus's Meursault in *The Outsider*), which is what a sensitive poet essentially could be, the most universal form of repression is political correctness, an offshoot really of the global marketplace that the world is. You can agree with someone in Paris on the Gaza issue and feel good. You are a rebel even while sitting on your toilet. You are constantly seeking to be grouped and regrouped. You are never alone with the things that cannot be shared. Never alone with your inadequacies and failings, the source of your poetry.

Is this good for the poet? As Michel Houellebecq, an iconoclast French writer often in the news for the wrong reasons, says in one of his poems, "I will go home with my lungs/ The tiles will be freezing./ As a child I loved sweets/ And now nothing matters." 'Now nothing matters' because even loss has been homogenised and collectivised. Sweets do not feel the same to the now-blubbery tongue.

I have published five volumes of poetry, including a volume of collected and new poems (*Available Light*). I have no illusion about their permanence. You write a poem, and no matter how good it is, it is water over your head in these times of tsunamis of distraction. But you must still pay a price for your lines.

In India, just now, there is an explosion of poetry, most of it attributable to the readymade town square of social media. The cell phone is your trumpet. Hundreds of new poets throng the counters, murderous self-promotion gleaming in their eyes. Some of them come with awards in their pockets, form a group and honour the others in the group. In a highly literary market like Kerala, for example, the awards go in circles and everyone gets at least one. According to one reliable drawing room estimate, there are over two lakh poets in the state.

Besides mainstream publishing houses, scores of independent presses have come into being all over India. Online publishing is flourishing. Poetry readings are as common as gatherings of crows. And anthologies, unlike in the past, compete to include rather than exclude.

PTI

There is an explosion of poetry in India now, including the publication of large anthologies such as the one edited by poet Jeet Thayil. Scores of independent presses have come up; online publishing is flourishing too. But does the proliferation of poets translate into quality?

The natural sense of loss, that out-of-place feeling that once perhaps defined a state of being of the compulsively marginal bard, is precisely what his or her updated version must dangle to attract the market. The endless festivals and readings and online meetings are the malls where you hope to buy a little fame in exchange for a lot of words you no longer can truly claim as true. What must jockeying of this type do to one's integrity? This unwavering and constant urge to sell?

Recent English anthologies edited by poets like Jeet Thayil or Sudeep Sen, or the *Yearbook of Indian Poetry* (last edition edited by Sukrita Paul Kumar and Vinita Agrawal) run into many hundreds of pages. These are monumental efforts. Equally, these are great democratic exercises as well. But in the process, poetry itself might have been dumbed down. I could be wrong. But is a festival talking about this possibility?

Does the proliferation of poets proportionately translate into quality? It is hard to say because there are no longer any clear standards, save the one of the community that one has assiduously worked one's entry into. It might be too much to say that we are sitting on a heap of collapsed aesthetic values. But the idea persists.

"Go right to the bottom of the absence of love," says Houellebecq, "Cultivate self-hatred. Hatred of oneself, contempt for others. Hatred of others, contempt for oneself… In the tumult of life, always be the loser…To learn to become a poet is to unlearn how to live."

What the new poet is looking for is a stage, a studio, a mic, but not experience, that basic unit of art. We end up censoring even our thoughts to facilitate access to these dead objects. Our so-called literary endeavours must therefore embody more falsity than truth. And the logical culmination of the lack of individuation is the AI poet. The automaton poet, smoothed off all his edges, still making noises. The end of the extreme correct society is a robot. It cannot fail or fall. And it has no gender. It is correct because it has no conflict.

But without Man falling, there is neither the *Bible*, which to me is a handbook to the art of fall, nor Art. James Joyce's great words ring hollow: "To live, to err, to fall, to triumph, to recreate life out of life. A wild angel appeared to him, the angel of mortal youth and beauty, an envoy from the fair courts of life, to throw open before him… the gates of all the ways of error and glory. On and on and on and on!"

You believe those words, you will believe anything.

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Public sympathy

Ref: *The importance of being Arvind Kejriwal* (Apr 1). The author talks of how public sympathy has already turned to AAP's favour after the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal and his associates. His comments about "Lutyens *ki duniya*" being full of Modi *bhakts* is tragic.
V O Harindranathan, Chennai

Washing machine

As the article rightly states, Praful Patel, who was accused for years by the BJP of wrongdoings, was exonerated the moment he joined the BJP. This proves the BJP acted as a washing machine as alleged by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee. Kejriwal was incarcerated based on a simple statement by an accused person who turned approver.
M Haneef, Kottayam

Legendary women

Ref: *The legend of the first female Sufi saint* (Apr 1). Readers owe the author a huge debt for enlightening us on relatively unknown legends that existed. It is true there are very few female saints compared to males. I can readily recollect just three: Meera, Avvaiyar and, much later, Mother Teresa. May the world have more such legends.
Sukumar Mandalika, email

Depleting groundwater

Ref: *Parched summer wake-up call for Kerala* (Apr 1). Deficiency in rainfall during the months of southwest and northeast monsoons in the previous year could also be the reason for the depletion of groundwater levels. In Kerala, the failure of the summer showers causes the temperature to rise to alarming levels, which in turn makes the situation worse.
V K Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram

Extreme heat

This year, extreme heat has started taking a toll early. If end-March itself witnesses such high temperatures, what will the condition be in the coming months? People may start collapsing from heatstroke. Because of such high temperatures and the lavish use of water, groundwater levels are going down alarmingly. People should be educated on the judicious use of water.
P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Revived opposition?

Ref: *INDIA bloc leaders flex muscles, rally behind Kejriwal and Soren* (Apr 1). Nearly a year after its formation in Patna, leaders of the INDIA bloc came together in a rally at Delhi's Ramlila Grounds on Sunday. The arrests of CMs Arvind Kejriwal and Hemant Soren seem to have infused new life into the opposition. Will this turn the tables on the NDA?
George Jacob, Kochi

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Every single day the Prime Minister scales new heights of hypocrisy and plumbs new depths of dishonesty.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Al Jazeera harmed Israel's security, actively participated in the October 7 massacre, and incited against IDF soldiers. It is time to remove the shofar of Hamas from our country.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Apart from implementing SC resolution on immediate ceasefire the UN must impose sanctions on all countries supporting this Israeli genocide.

Heatwave days may go up this year, says IMD

In view of the upcoming parliamentary elections, especially during rallies, weather office cautions poll panel

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE upcoming summer is expected to be notably hotter, with a significant increase in the number of heatwave days across many parts of the country. Given this forecast, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has cautioned the Election Commission of India to take preventive measures, particularly as the General Election could expose the public to heightened vulnerability to heatwaves, especially during rallies.

"Around a billion people will be casting their votes amid extreme weather conditions such as heatwaves," noted Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Earth Sciences and Food Processing Industries. He emphasized the importance of voters being mindful of heatwaves while heading out to cast their votes.

The IMD has issued preparedness guidelines to various ministries, covering aspects such as agriculture, power, water, and health.

In its advisory, the IMD highlighted the significant risks posed by elevated temperatures, especially for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, and those with pre-existing health conditions, who are more susceptible to heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has developed Heat Action Plans (HAPs) for over 200 cities or districts and recommended states to adopt and implement them. These plans include measures such as stockpiling Oral Rehydration Solution for heat-related illnesses.

The IMD has forecasted higher than normal temperatures and a higher probability of 10-20 days of heatwaves, compared to the usual 4-8 days. This is attributed to the persistence of a strong El Nino phenomenon in regions such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and North Karnataka, which are more prone to heatwaves.

Maximum temperatures are expected to gradually rise by 2-3°C over many parts of the country in the coming weeks. However, the El Nino phenomenon is expected to weaken, with the La Nina phenomenon likely to take over from July, bringing ample southwest monsoon rainfall.

El Nino, characterized by the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean, typically leads to a weakening of the Indian southwest monsoon, while La Nina, its counterpart, is associated with good rainfall in India.

Despite the increased number of heatwave days, food production, especially wheat, is not expected to be significantly affected, as crops in many states have already reached maturity and are ready for harvest. The IMD has also issued advisories to states regarding the availability of water in different reservoirs.

"There are no heatwave warning conditions in wheat-producing areas except in Madhya Pradesh," said Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director-General of Meteorology at IMD. He further added, "Wheat production is estimated to be 112.02 million tonnes, which is about 1.46 million tonnes more than last year."

The IMD has also issued advisories to states with low water reservoir levels, particularly in southern states.

This newspaper was the first to report potential water shortage conditions in Western and Southern Indian states, as reservoir levels are significantly lower than last year.

In a joint letter to all Chief Secretaries, the Department of Health and Family Welfare and the NDMA urged state authorities to keep a check on hospital fires. They have also prepared booklets in different languages to create awareness among officials and people on how to address the National Action Plan on heat-related illness.

HIGHER THAN NORMAL TEMP

Hot weather season (April to June) 2024

Maximum temperature may rise gradually by **2-3°C**

IMD warns ECI of heightened public vulnerability to heat waves

Higher number of heat wave days increases voters' vulnerability during general elections

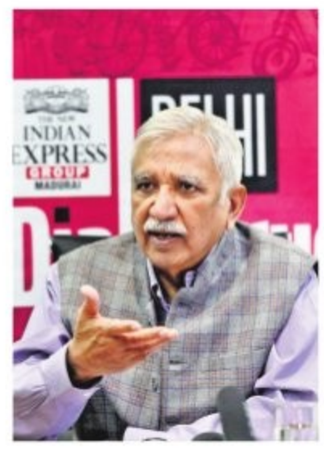
The elderly and children are more susceptible to heat-related illnesses

NDMA prepares Heat Action Plans for over 200 cities/districts

LAW PANEL REPORTS FAVOUR 'ONE NATION ONE ELECTION'

Former chief election commissioner speaks on a range of issues in the 15th round of **Delhi Dialogues**

SUNIL Arora, a 1980 batch IAS officer, has been part of Rajasthan government twice. Once as secretary to chief minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat and then as principal secretary to chief minister Vasundhara Raje. The joke in Rajasthan during his first stint as secretary to CM was that Bhairon Singh won the election but Sunil Arora ran the government. Arora later served as secretary to the ministries of skill development and I&B. After retirement, Arora joined the Election Commission as an election commissioner. He retired from the EC as the Chief Election Commissioner in 2021.**Excerpts**:



Santwana Bhattacharya:Please share your experience on the current status of the Election Commission of India.
I have a lot of respect for all officials down to the district level because they work so hard in the face of criticism. The technical committee of the Chief Election Commissioner of India is not appointed by the current commission. It is a 15-year-old body consisting of senior technocrats who have been in leadership positions at IIT and other reputed institutions. They don't charge from the commission.

Either the EVM was wrong for the first time or for the second time. I can look into the eyes of everybody as ECI on or off record. EVMs cannot be hacked.

Everybody speaks about EVMs. If a section of parties tells the EC to introduce or make it mandatory to have VVPATs along with EVMs, why will the EC oppose or not give the political parties the time for discussion to make it mandatory?

Suchitra Mohanty: What would you say about Centre's stand in the Supreme Court on the appointment of two new election commissioners under a 2023 law that excludes the Chief Justice of India from the selection committee?
If a judge is on a panel, it does not mean the panel would be absolutely impartial or unbiased. For instance, Harish Salve, former solicitor general, recently commented that there was hardly any country where judges appoint judges. Secondly, who am I as a citizen to comment on the Chief Justice of India?

But I'd say that we don't have to be judgmental in every decision.

Rajesh Kumar Thakur: Do you think 'one nation one poll' for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies feasible?
I have said state and parliamentary elections should be conducted together. And it's a decade-old issue; there are multiple reports of the Law Commission and all of them support simultaneous elections. From 1952 to 1967, elections were held together. From 1967 onwards, political instability had an effect across the country in terms of dismissal of state governments which necessitated polls.

DELHI Dialogues

Santwana Bhattacharya: But if a government falls, what happens then?
For the first time in India, the Kerala government had fallen in 1958, what did they do? It was a duly elected government and everybody knows the reasons were not administrative.

Shahid Faridi: What is the best way to bring electoral transparency especially after the controversy over electoral bonds?
It was the ECI's collective view that the system should be more transparent. Finally, the Supreme Court gave a detailed judgment. However, modalities have to be spelled out in detail.

Preetha Nair: The ECI in 2018 opposed the electoral bond scheme...
We were against the stipulation that the identity of donors should be kept separate. We said companies that are not making profits being allowed to donate was not a good idea.

India sees red as China comes out with 30 Arunachal names

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** slammed China on Monday as it came out with another list of new names for a few places in Arunachal Pradesh days after he dismissed Beijing's claims over Arunachal Pradesh. Last week the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs released 30 additional names for the region as the fourth list of standardised geographical names in Zangnan, the Chinese name for Arunachal Pradesh.

China has been calling Arunachal Pradesh as South Tibet and laying its claim over this 90,000 sq km area, which India has asserted to be an integral part of the country. Jaishankar said that changing names will not alter the reality.

Addressing a presser in Gujarat, Jaishankar said, "If today I change the name of your house, will it become mine? Arunachal Pradesh was, is and will always be a state of India. Changing names does not have any effect." He added that the Indian Army is deployed at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The Chinese Ministry of Civil Aviation announced Chinese characters, Tibetan and Roman alphabet names as reported by state-run Global Times on Thursday. The Chinese Civil Affairs Ministry released the first list of the standardised names of six places in Zangnan in 2017, while the second list of 15 places was issued in 2021 followed by another list with names for 11 places in 2023.

The statements by China to reassert its claims over the state started with Beijing lodging a diplomatic protest with India over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh.

The Chinese government has issued a flurry of statements to highlight its claims. Jaishankar on March 23 dismissed China's repeated claims on Arunachal Pradesh as "ludicrous" and said the frontier state is a natural part of India.

"This is not a new issue. I mean, China has laid claim, it has expanded its claim. The claims are ludicrous to begin with and remain ludicrous today," he said in response to a question on the Arunachal issue after delivering a lecture at the prestigious Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of the National University of Singapore (NUS). "I think we've been very clear on this. And I think you know that is something which will be part of the boundary discussions which are taking place," he said.

China on its part has called Arunachal Pradesh as the "inherent part of China's territory". Beijing lodged protests against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh to inaugurate the all-weather, strategic Sela Tunnel. India rejected China's claims multiple times and said Arunachal Pradesh is, was and will always remain an integral part of the country.

Reaffirming India's position, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal rescently said: "China may repeat its baseless claims as many times as they want, but that is not going to change our position."

Cong takes out '15 RTI reply to corner govt on Katchatheevu island

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the political slugfest over Katchatheevu island escalates, the Opposition on Monday cited a 2015 RTI reply, which stated that the agreements in 1974 and 1976 did not involve either acquiring or ceding of territory belonging to India, and asked whether the "change" in Modi government's stance was for "election politics".

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said then prime ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi dubbed Katchatheevu, given to Sri Lanka in 1974 as part of a maritime boundary agreement, as a "little island" and "little rock".

Congress leader P Chidambaram cited the 2015 RTI reply saying that it justified the circumstances under which India acknowledged that a small island belonged to Sri Lanka. "Tweet for Tweet is the new weapon. Will Foreign Minister Jaishankar please refer to the RTI reply dated 27-1-2015...The reply justified the circumstances under which India acknowledged that a small island belonged to Sri Lanka. Why is the Foreign Minister and his ministry doing a somersault now," he asked.

"It is true that fishermen were detained in the last 50 years. Likewise, India has detained many Sri Lankan fishermen. Every government has negotiated with Sri Lanka and freed our fishermen," Chidambaram said.

"This has happened when Jaishankar was a foreign service officer and when he was Foreign Secretary and when he is Foreign Minister. What has changed for Mr Jaishankar to launch a tirade against the Congress and DMK?" he said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi shared an RTI response from the ministry of external affairs in 2015 which said Katchatheevu Island lies on the Sri Lanka side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line, that was delineated by the 1974 Agreement demarcating it in the Palk Straits and a subsequent 1976 Agreement demarcating it in the Gulf of Mannar and Bay of Bengal.

"This did not involve either acquiring or ceding territory belonging to India since the area in question had never been demarcated. Under the Agreements, the Island of Katchatheevu lies on the Sri Lankan side of India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line," the RTI reply said.

Premier investigative agencies have been spread out too thin: CJI

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

NOTING that the investigative agencies of the country have been spread too thin, CJI DY Chandrachud on Monday said that they must focus on cases that involve national security and crimes against the nation.

Addressing the 20th DP Kohli Memorial Lecture on CBI Raising Day, CJI Chandrachud highlighted the evolving crime landscape due to technology, which poses challenges for the investigative agency and the criminal justice system.

"The CBI is being asked to delve into a diverse array of criminal cases beyond its role as anti-corruption investigative agency," he said.

"I think we have spread out the premier investigative agencies too thin. They must focus on those that concern national security and crimes of economic offences against the nation," he said, while pointing out that the agency consists largely of officers on deputation.

He also asked the agencies to "pick their battles", saying they should concentrate on crimes that threaten security and economic health of the country and public order.

The CJI also proposed digitising the investigation process, starting from the filing of First Information Reports, as a solution. Leveraging technology is crucial to mitigate delays due to the high volume of cases. "All arms of the criminal justice administration and all stakeholders including the Forensic Science Laboratories must collaborate by holding workshops to help confront challenges we face," he said.

SC refuses to stay Hindu prayers in Gyanvapi mosque

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay the Hindu prayers in the southern cellar of the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi. A bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud, however, ordered to maintain a status quo on the religious observances by the Hindus inside the mosque premises.

It clarified that the Muslims can continue to enter and offer their prayers at the mosque from the northern side, while the Hindus can enter from the southern entry for the puja.

"Bearing in mind that namaz is being offered unhindered after the orders dated January 17 and January 31, 2024, and the offering of puja by Hindu priests is confined to the area of tehkhana,it shall be appropriate to order status quo to offer worship in above terms," it said.

The court passed the interim order after hearing senior advocates Huzefa Ahmadi for the Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Committee. It also fixed the plea of Gyanvapi mosque committee against a nod for Hindu puja in the southern cellar of the mosque for final disposal in July.

Notably, the Allahabad high court had rejected the Gyanvapi mosque committee's plea challenging the Varanasi district court's January 31 order allowing Hindus to offer prayers in the southern cellar of the Gyanvapi mosque, prompting the mosque committee to move the apex court for relief.

While rejecting the mosque committee's plea, the high court observed that the Uttar Pradesh government's 1993 decision of stopping worship rituals inside the "Vyas Tehkhana" -- located at the southern cellar of the Gyanvapi -- was "illegal". Senior lawyer Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the Mosque Committee, expressed concern about puja rituals being performed within the mosque's cellar.

Questioning the move of conducting and allowing the puja to continue, he said it would end up stirring drastic events similar to the past. "... Notwithstanding the undertaking by the highest authorities, the mosque was demolished. Ultimately I am in your lordship's hands. Please protect me from further actions," he argued.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

No stay on 'scientific survey' of Bhojshala
The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay "scientific survey" of the Bhojshala complex, a medieval-era structure which both Hindus and Muslims claim as their own in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district, but said no action should be taken without it permission on the outcome of the ASI survey.

Ex-cop challenges Mumbai HC order
Former Mumbai police officer Pradeep Sharma has moved Supreme Court challenging the Bombay High Court verdict convicting and sentencing him to life imprisonment in a 2006 fake encounter case. Sharma has filed the special leave petition through lawyer Devina Sehgal on March 21. The details of the petition are awaited.

Petition pointless
Soren's lawyer said his petition challenging HC order that denied him permission to attend budget session of assembly has now become "infructuous"

Question of law open
Stating that the assembly session is over, senior lawyer Kapil Sibal appearing for Soren requested the court to keep the question of law open, which was granted.

'Infructuous': Soren withdraws plea as budget session over

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

FORMER Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren on Monday withdrew from the Supreme Court his plea challenging the Jharkhand High Court's ruling, which denied him permission to attend the budget session of the assembly.

Soren's petition noted that it has become "infructuous" now that the Jharkhand assembly was no longer in session.

A two-judge bench of Justices Surya Kant and KV Viswanathan was hearing his appeal against the Jharkhand High Court's order disallowing him to participate in the assembly session, which got underway on February 23 and was over.

Stating that the assembly session is already over, senior lawyer Kapil Sibal appearing for Soren requested the court to keep the question of law open, which was granted.

The apex court, in its order on Monday, said Soren's lawyer submitted that since the assembly session has already been concluded, the prayer in the writ petition filed before the High Court has become "infructuous".

Notably, Soren was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the night of January 31 in a money-laundering case related to a land scam. The former Jharkhand chief minister has, however, claimed innocence in the case.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	24	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	37	24	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	37	25	Patna	25	26
Amritsar	31	18	Lucknow	35	22
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	34	26	Imphal	26	18
Srinagar	13	17	Chandigarh	34	21

1ST PHASE IN MAHARASHTRA

5 SEATS IN MAHA TURF WAR

BJP will fight to retain its bastion, while Cong will go all-out to recapture its old fief

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

IN the first phase of Lok Sabha election on April 19, in Maharashtra, five seats are up for grabs with the BJP having four of them. Nagpur is among these seats from where Union minister Nitin Gadkari is pitted against Congress MLA Vikas Thakre. The other four constituencies are: Ramtek (SC reserved), Chandrapur, Gadchiroli-Chimur (ST reserved) and Gondia-Bhandara.

These five seats are located in the parched Vidarbha region that has a total of 11 parliamentary seats. Congress had won Chandrapur in 2019, the only seat out of the five, from where Suresh Narayan Dhanorkar won comfortably against Hansraj Ahir with a margin of over 45,000 votes. After the death of the Congress candidate, the party has nominated his spouse Pratibha who will face BJP's Sudhir Mungantiwar, a state minister. The nominations have been filed and the rivals are battle-ready. The Congress candidate wants to win on the sympathy factor, besides her rapport with women voters. Mungantiwar depends on the ruling party's development agenda.

In Ramtek (SC reserved) seat, Congress has fielded Shyamkumar Barve after his spouse Rashmi's candidature was disqualified due to her invalid caste certificate.

In Gadchiroli-Chimur (ST reserved), the Congress' Dr Namdev Kirsan is fighting against BJP MP Ashok Nete. The Congress MLA, who is also the leader of Opposition, Vijay Wadettiwar is extensively campaigning for the Congress in Gadchiroli. Wadettiwar was eying the party ticket from Chandrapur seat and had reportedly asked the party leadership that if he was declined the ticket, then his daughter Shivani should get the nomination. Shivani had travelled across Maharashtra with Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

In Gondia-Bhandara, the Congress has nominated Dr Prashant Padole against BJP MP Sunil Mende. The seat was earlier represented by former Union minister Praful Patel. Congress leader Nana Patole later defeated him when he was in BJP in 2014 elections. Patole has now taken the responsibility of Gondia Bhandara as the party asked him to contest, but he preferred to remain free to campaign across the state.

Vidarbha was a Congress bastion, but in the last two elections, the BJP has captured it. "Both parties face a daunting task: the BJP wants to retain it while the Congress will do everything to recapture its turf. There is huge anti-incumbency in the area, besides Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo yatra energised the decimated Congress cadre in Vidarbha. However, BJP's well-oiled machinery is working hard to retain its position.

The five seats are significant for the Congress because two of them are reserved and in the past the party did better on these seats. "In 2014, the victory margin of the BJP candidates was more than the average. People are looking for change and Vidarbha's vote is crucial for progressive ideology of the Congress," said an observer.

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ELECTION2024

Tight security on Myanmar border

Security forces will maintain a strict vigil along the India-Myanmar international boundary to prevent any attempt by anti-social elements to disrupt the poll process in Arunachal Pradesh, a senior election official said. The northeastern state will go to simultaneous polls for two Lok Sabha and 60 assembly constituencies on April 19. "We will not seal the international border but maintain strict vigil," Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kumar Sain said.

Chhindwara mayor deserts Kamal Nath

Loyalists continue to desert former chief minister Kamal Nath in his bastion Chhindwara ahead of Lok Sabha polls. In a fresh jolt, Chhindwara's mayor Vikram Ahake, joined the ruling BJP in Bhopal on Monday. The development happened three days after one of the seven sitting Congress MLAs of Chhindwara LS constituency – the third-time Amarwara-ST legislator Kamlesh Shah quit the Congress and Vidhan Sabha membership before joining the BJP.

Potential threats in election season

As political parties go all out to woo voters ahead of the general elections, cybersecurity experts have raised concern over the possible misuse of artificial intelligence and deepfake technology, among others, to influence the electorate. Lok Sabha polls in India will take place in seven phases between April 19 and June1. The EC has already issued standard operating procedures for identification and quick response to fake news and misinformation.

BIHAR

Lalu family seeks divine role ahead of Rohini's poll plunge

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

RJD chief Lalu Prasad's daughter Rohini Acharya is set to kick-start her campaign from Tuesday in Bihar's Saran Lok Sabha constituency.

On Monday, Acharya paid obeisance at Baba Hariharnath Mandir in Sonepur along with Lalu, mother Rabri Devi and eldest sister Misa Bharti. The RJD candidate from Saran will embark on her election trail by visiting various places in the constituency.

During her campaign on the first day, accompanied by her father, Acharaya will address gatherings of people at various places. Lalu's eldest daughter Misa Bharti, who is a Rajya Sabha member, is also contesting Patliputra Lok Sabha constituency.

While Acharya will contest election against BJP nominee Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Misa will take on former union minister and BJP candidate Ram Kripal Yadav in Patliputra. It will be Acharya's first brush with electoral politics.

Acharya, an MBBS graduate, lives with her husband Shamsher Singh, a software engineer, in Singapore. Already known for her derisive comments against her father's political opponents on the social media platforms, she earned widespread accolades when she donated one of her kidneys to ailing Lalu.

After her visit to Hariharnath temple in Saran district, Acharya commented in 'X', "I received blessings of both Baba Hariharnath and people of Saran. I am overwhelmed with the immense love and blessings received from all of you. Heartfelt gratitude... Jai Baba Hariharnath... Jai Saran... Jai RJD... Jai INDIA Alliance."

On the other hand, Misa is trying her luck for the third consecutive time from the Patliputra seat. She was defeated by BJP nominee Ram Kripal Yadav in two successive Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and 2019. While Saran constituency will go to the polls in the fifth phase, votes will be cast in the Patliputra constituency on June 1.

Misa Bharti prefers Patliputra poll areana

Former chief minister Lalu Prasad's eldest daughter Misa Bharti, who is a Rajya Sabha member, is also contesting Patliputra Lok Sabha constituency. Misa has been trying her luck for the third consecutive time from the Patliputra seat. She was last defeated by BJP nominee Ram Kripal Yadav in two successive Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and 2019.

JHARKHAND

RJD firm on 2 seats as INDIA allies struggle to figure out seat-share deal

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

WITH the polls looming less than a month away, tensions brew within the INDIA alliance as the RJD stands firm on its demand to contest from two key seats – Chatra and P alamu in Jharkhand. Meanwhile, the CPI has wasted no time in announcing candidates for four Lok Sabha seats in the state, signalling a discord within the coalition.

JMM has already rejected the 7-5-1-1 formula, further suggesting that the alliance is still struggling to reach a consensus on seat sharing. As per the consensus reached earlier, 7 seats including Khunti, Lohardaga, and Godda will remain with Congress, while JMM will contest on 5 seats including Singhbhum, Giridih, and Chatra. Koderma will go to CPI (ML) and the Palamu seat to RJD.

Moreover, despite claims being made by JMM on the Lohardaga seat, Congress announced the name of Sukhdeo Bhagat for the seat along with the names of two other Lok Sabha seats – Kalicharan Munda from Khunti and Jai Prakash Bhai Patel from Hazaribagh. According to RJD leaders, party chief Lalu Prasad Yadav has said that RJD will field its candidates on Palamu and Chatra Lok Sabha seats, while on the remaining 12 seats, the party will help the candidates of its alliance partners to win on their respective seats. RJD will soon announce the names of its candidates, they said.

"If the INDIA alliance aims to prevent the BJP from attaining power, then all the alliance partners will need to make sacrifices in one way or another. In Bihar, we compromised by giving Congress the seats they wished to contest. How could the Congress conclude that we lack a mass base in Jharkhand? We have a substantial mass base here, and we intend to contest on two seats in Jharkhand," said RJD State Spokesperson Dr Manoj Kumar.

Meanwhile, the CPI, breaking its ties with the INDIA alliance lliance in Jharkhand, has fielded its candidates in four seats - Chatra, Lohardaga, Palamu, and Dumka.

Tie-up with Congress teeters on brink

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PUNJAB

AAP ex-MP joins Cong, may enter Patiala fray

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

FORMER Aam Aadmi Party MP Dharamvira Gandhi on Monday joined the Congress and is likely to be fielded as its candidate from Patiala Lok Sabha seat, where the BJP has fielded incumbent MP Preneet Kaur.

Kaur, wife of ex- CM Amarinder Singh, joined the BJP recently. It will be after 32 years that the BJP will contest parliamentary elections from Patiala. Gandhi, a doctor, quit the AAP in 2016 and formed his own outfit Nawan Punjab Party, which he merged with the Congress.

Gandhi said the Congress is fighting against communal polarisation and threat to democracy and the Constitution. "Lok Sabha elections are crucial as they would decide the course the country will take. It is important to stand with the right (party) and that's why I have joined the Congress," he added. AAP has fielded state health minister Balbir Singh from Patiala, which, according to analysts, is likely to see a tough contest. In 2014 LS polls, Gandhi as an AAP candidate beat Kaur by over 20,000 votes.

In April 2015, AAP suspended Gandhi from the party when he raised his voice against expulsion of Yogendra Yadav and Prashant Bhushan from its national executive. He contested the 2019 LS elections from Patiala as a candidate of his own outfit but lost to Kaur. Cngress leader Pawan Khera, AICC incharge for Punjab, Devendra Yadav, and welcomed Gandhi into the party fold.

Shah raises Cong dynasty politics in Gehlot bastion

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

ON the second of his campaign in Rajasthan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday targeted the opposition Congress over dynastic politics. He addressed a public rally in support of Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who is the BJP candidate from Jodhpur, also the bastion of former CM Ashok Gehlot.

Shah claimed that Gehlot's only interest is to ensure that his son somehow becomes the CM of Rajasthan while Sonia Gandhi wants that Rahul Gandhi becomes the PM.

He hit back at INDIA bloc parties over their 'Loktantra Bachao' (save democracy) rally at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan on Sunday, saying "no matter how many parties you gather, only (Narendra) Modi is going to come back" as prime minister post-elections.

The people of the country are ready to make Narendra Modi the prime minister for a third time, he said, adding India will become the third largest economy during his next term. Shah's reaction came a day after top INDIA bloc leaders exhorted the people to defeat the BJP to save democracy and the Constitution and alleged that the opposition has been deprived of a level-playing field in the Lok Sabha elections due to the government's "dictatorial" actions.

"The one who commits corruption will be behind bars," the home minister asserted at a meeting of the party's 'Shakti Kendra Pramukh' in Jodhpur.

"The arrogant alliance, which does not care about anyone except the family, is challenging Modi. They are crying that democracy is in danger," Shah said. He hit out at nepotism in politics, referring to leaders, such as Ashok Gehlot, Lalu Prasad, Uddhav Thackeray, MK Stalin, Mamata Banerjee, and Sonia Gandhi.

"None of these leaders is concerned about the public. They are all interested only in their own family."

The home minister asked party workers to go among the people with the achievements of the Modi government in 10 years. "This time the NDA will be cross 400 seats and BJP will win more than 370 seats on its own," he said. Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh has been facing criticism for his failure to make the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) into a reality. However, Shah said the BJP governments in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh recently signed an agreement with the Centre to turn ERCP into a reality.

Rally in support of Shekhawat in Jodhpur

Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a public rally in Jodhpur in support of Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who is the BJP candidate from Jodhpur. Taking on Ashok Gehlot, Shah claimed that the former CM's only interest is to ensure that his son becomes Rajasthan CM.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers **1) Miss. Pavithra .G D/o. V. Gopinath Rao Jadav** has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by her from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to her under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower's : 1) Miss. Pavithra G. D/o. V. Gopinath Rao Jadav, No. 23/1, Ground Floor, 4th Main Road, Near Manju Audio Center, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054. (2) No. 7, 7th 'D' Main, Vasudeva Building, Near Nandish Apartment, Bandappa Garden, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560054. (3) Flat No. 303, 3rd Floor, Sai Balaji, Meadows, Site No. 3, Kodigehalli Village, Bangalore - 560094, **Office Address : (4) Mrs. Pavithra .G.** IPSOL Health Care Pvt. Limited, No. 16, Padmavathi Arcade, 2nd Floor, 31st Main, NJR Colony, Bengaluru-560004.

1) Account No's. : 41847603910

Demand Notice: 23.01.2024 **NPA Date : 17.01.2024**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 51,12,552/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Twelve Thousand and Five Hundred Fifty - Two only) as on 20.01.2024 and you are also liable to pay future interest at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Property No. 2, Old Katha No. 34/3 and 34/4, BBMP Katha No. 206/34/3/2/34/4, Situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 8, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and : Measuring : East to West : 86 + 80/2 Feet, North to South : 101.5 Feet, In all Totally Measuring : 8424.5 Sq. Feet. **bounded on : East by :** 30 feet Road, **West by :** Private Layout 30 Feet Road, **North by :** Property No. 1, **South by :** Property No. 3.

Schedule "B" Property : Residential Flat bearing No. 303, in the Third Floor, Constructed on the Schedule A Property, with a Super Built-up area of 1112 Square Feet, With Covered Car parking known as 303 in the Residential Building known as "Sai Balaji Meadows" together with all common areas attributed thereto. **East by :** Flat No. 302, **West by :** Open To Sky, **North by :** Flat No. 304, **South by :** Open To Sky.

Schedule "C" Property (Description of undivided share conveyed) : 310 Square Feet, Undivided share rights, title & Interest in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.Constructed on the Schedule A Property.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower is hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 01.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India**
Place : Bengaluru **RACPC, Shankarapuram, Bengaluru**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (RACPC-4), WHITE FIELD (17753)
No.117, Ground Floor, Neil Rao Towers, Road No. 3, EPIP Phase 1, White Field Road, Bengaluru - 560 066.
Tel : 080-28411010/1020, E-Mail : sbi.17753@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers : **(1) Sri. Rathna Kumar D H V N S/o Sri. D. Buddha Prasad,** has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by him from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to him and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on his last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower : **Sri. Rathna Kumar D H V N** S/o. Sri. D. Buddha Prasad, # 202, SLV Belmont Apartment, Bhattarahalli Road, Near SBI Bank, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036. **Also at : (i)** H No.1-54/3, 4/401, Sai Mahi Residency, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Madinaguda, Mytri Nagar, Miyapur, Hyderabad - 500049. **(ii)** M/s. Conexus Software Solutions, 172, Siri Skylight, 9th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560102. **(iii)** Apartment No.S-313, 2nd Floor, "AV SUNRISE", Hoskote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore - 562114.

A/c No. HL 40280439185, 42108651063, 40285694540

Demand Notice: 06.03.2024 **NPA Date : 28.02.2024**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 57,22,299/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine Only) as on 04.03.2024. You are also liable to pay further interest at the contractual rate from 05.03.2024 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

Schedule A Property : All the piece and parcel of Sy No. 212/2 (Old Sy. No. 212) measuring 1 acre 04 guntas of land (now the land is duly converted from Agriculture to Non-Agriculture residential purpose to an extent of 37 guntas vide Conversion Order No. BDS.ALN(Hoskote)SR187/17-18 dated 29.05.2018 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore having CMC Katha No.14666/212/2, situated at Hoskote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and **bounded on : East by :** Site belongs to Sy. No..207 of Hoskote Village & BMRDA approved 30 feet wide Road, **West by :** Dongara and Road, **North by :** Land in Sy. No..212/1 belonging to R.Nagaraj, **South by :** Land in Sy. No..212/3 belonging to H.N. Umesh.

Schedule B Property : Undivided share, right, title and interest in the composite property specified in composite schedule property measuring 1,030 Sq. feet.

Schedule C Property : Apartment No.S-313, in Second Floor measuring 1807 Sq. feet, Super Built Area along with a covered Car Parking space on the Stilt Floor, in the complex known as "AV SUNRISE", constructed on composite schedule property along with the proportionate share of common area such as passage, Balcony, Lift, Staircase and other common areas standing in the name of Sri.Hari Venkata Naga Rathna Kumar Donepudi S/o Sri.D.Buddha Prasad and **bounded on: East by :** Flat No. 301, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Open to Sky, **South by :** Wide corridor.

Absolute Sale Deed dated 31.03.2023 has been registered in favour of Sri.Hari Venkata Naga Rathna Kumar Donepudi S/o Sri.D.Buddha Prasad in Book No.1 under Document No.HSK-1-19640-2022-23 stored in CD No.HSKD1816 at the Office of Sub Registrar, Hoskote, Bengaluru on 31.03.2023.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 06.03.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place : Bengaluru **State Bank of India, RACPC -4, Whitefield Bengaluru.**

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Corporate Identity No. L65110MH1985PLC038137
Registered office : 27 BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051
Branch Office : at Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Kotak House, 22, M. G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001

APPENDIX-IV-A [REFER PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)]

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Cum Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Properties/Property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited,(Secured Creditor/Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited) will be Sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", AS IS WHAT IS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE"** is on **24.04.2024** for recovery of Bank dues of ₹. 50,28,969.59 /- (Rupees: Fifty Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Paisa Fiftynine Only) 18-03-2024 due and payable to the Secured Creditor in addition to Interest, Costs and charges at contractual rate to the Secured Creditor from **1). MR. Dinesh Kumar** No 9, 1st Floor, Nanjappa Building Obaiah Lane,Cotton Pet, Near lucky inn large, BANGALORE - 560053 **ALSO AT MR. Dinesh Kumar** FLAT NO 204, 2ND FLOOR, LAKSHMI COMPLEX, NO 19/20, COTTONPET MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE - 560053 **MR. Dinesh Kumar** NO 268,1ST FLOOR, P S LANE SANTUSAPET, CHIKPET, BEHIND RAGHAVENDRA PRASANNA HOTEL BANGALORE – 560053, **2) Mrs. SARIKA** No 9, 1st Floor, Nanjappa Building, Obaiah Lane, Cotton Pet, Near lucky inn large, BANGALORE - 560053. Short description of Immovable Properties/Property with known encumbrances and certain terms of the sale:-

Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor (S)	Demand Notice Amount and Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP) and Last Date	Inspection Date & Time	Date of Auction & Time	Total Outstanding	Known Encumbrances, If Any,
HF37826945 (CRN 2456757)	1) MR. Dinesh Kumar (BORROWER) & 2) Mrs. SARIKA (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 47,72,954.24 (Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four and Paisa Twenty Four Only) as on 12-09-2022 Notice date 19-09-2022	₹ 51,56,865/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Only)	₹. 5,15,686/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred eighty Six Only) 23-04-2023 ON OR Before 6 PM	On 16.04.2024 Form 10:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M	On 24.04.2024 At 03.00 P.M to 4:00 PM	₹.50,28,969.59 /- (Rupees: Fifty Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine & Paisa Fifty Nine Only) 18-03-2024	Nil
Details of the Immovable Properties/Property	**SCHEDULE-A :** All that piece and parcel of a property bearing Municipal No. 20, situated at Bashyam Road (Cottonpet Main Road) Bangalore, measuring 4613 Sq Ft, situated within the administrate limits of Ward no 29, ward Name Cottonpet of BBMP, Bangalore, with an apartment building named Lakshmi Complex, standing Thereon, bounded on the : **East by:** Remaining portion of the property of M/s Rudra Industrial & Commercial Corporation that being a portion of No 19, Cottonpet **West by:** Cottonpet Main Road **North by:** Remaining portion of the property of M/s Rudra Industrial & Commercial Corporation that being a portion of No 19, Cottonpet **South by:** K V Lane and Private Property. **Schedule B :** All that piece and parcel of a 2 BHK residential Flat bearing No 204, PID No 29-1-20/4, on the second floor of Schedule- A property in the apartment building named Lakshmi Complex, no 19/20, measuring 749 Sq Ft of super built up area together with 216 Sq Ft, of undivided share in the land as per Schedule - A and bounded on the: **East by:** Remaining portion of the property of M/s Rudra Industrial & Commercial Corporation that being a portion of No 19, Cotton pet **West by:** Common Passage & Flat No 201 **North by:** Flat No 203 **South by:** Private Property & Ganesh Temple.							

The Auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved Service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, at their web Portal www.bankeauctions.com. The Authorised Officer shall have absolute discretion to cancel the e-auction at any point of time, without assigning any reason. For detailed terms and conditions of E-Auction sale tender document containing online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration etc, Please refer to the link provided in www.bankeauctions.com & https://auctions.kotak.com/properties/auction-notices/ and also may Contact Mr. Sridhar B Or by person Mr. Karun B, Mobile- (+91 9738413007) (+919686812683).

Place : BANGALORE **For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited,**
Date : 02-04-2024 **Authorized Officer**

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Zonal Office :- No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar,Arishinakunte,Near Honda Showroom,Nelamangala, Banglore-562123,(Karnataka).A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total O/s Amount as on	Description of the Immovable property
1.	**Loan Code _No : 22800000820 Nelamangala Branch)** **Neelakanta T T** (Borrower) **Kalpana A V** (Co Borrower)	12-02-2020 ₹ 16,07,048.00	₹ 8,00,000.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only)	29-02-2024 ₹ 30,76,565.11	8 1A Site No 44 New Sy No 8 1a Huluvena Hal li Village Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru - 562130, Karnataka. Bounded : **East By :** Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** Site No. 45 and **South By :** Property No. 43/1.
2.	**Loan Code _No : 22800000819 Nelamangala Branch)** **Ramesh S** (Borrower) **Annapurna S** (Co Borrower)	16-04-2021 ₹ 17,44,117.00	₹ 8,00,000.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only)	29-02-2024 ₹ 27,48,309.63	8 1 Site No 45 S No 8 1 New Sy N0 8 1a Hu luvenahalli Village tavarekera Hubli Banglore South, Bengaluru - 562130 Karnataka. Bounded : **East By :** Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** Site No 46 and **South By :** Site No 44.

The Authorised Officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'.** AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. **This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.**

The Date of Auction is fixed for 17-04-2024

Place : Nelamangala **Authorised Officer**
Date : 02.04.2024 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, 1) **Smt. LAKSHMAMMA,** W/o. Annayappa .G, Aged about 48 years, Adhar No. 4089 0475 6700, and 2) **Smt. UMA. A.L,** D/o. Annayappa.G, W/o. Renu Kumar, Aged about 33 years, Adhar No. 3685 8311 1300, Both are R/at. GF-02, Sumukha Sai Suchin Apartment, 4th Main Road, Raghuvanahalli, Bangalore-560062., had intend to purchase the **Three bedrooms residential apartment/flat bearing FLAT No. 112 is on the First Floor, 'B' Block, in the building known as "Mahaghar's Vajra" having 1535 sft., of super built up area with two (1) covered car parking at stilt floor, shown in annexed drawing of undivided share** with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas and such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common use etc., constructing on the **residentially converted land measuring 30 Guntas land bearing Sy.No. 41 duly converted for Non-Agricultural residential purpose, Official Memorandum dated 28-02-2013 bearing No.ALN(S.U)S.R/82/2012-13 by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District BBMP Khatha No.41 situated at Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** and bounded on East by : Property belongs to Bangalore City Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : 40 feet Road, South by : 40 feet Road, from **Mrs. KAMAKSHI.A,** W/o. Mr.Jagadish, Aged about 45 years, R/at. No.10, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Srinivas Garden, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560062. **Adhar No. 4461 4488 3747**, if anybody have any claim, title, right over this property, they shall file their objections with documents, before the undersigned within 6 days from this notice. Failing which my client will proceeds further.

TARA. T.M., Advocate
No.4/2, 2nd Floor, Shamshuddin Block
HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road,
Bangalore-560002. **Ph. 9535495356**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase Property bearing Site No.37, Property No.174 of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated within the administrative limits of BBMP, having BBMP Katha No.7, PID No.13-63-7, Situated at 4th Cross, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore morefully described in Schedule hereunder from Sri.K.Angappan, Smt.A.Shankunthala, Sri.A.Keshava, Sri.N.Subramani & Sri.G.Shivalingam and they having acquired the Schedule Property by virtue of Absolute Sale Deed dated 12.05.2003 duly executed by Sri.T.Ramaiah vide Reg.No.4825/2003-04, Book-1 stored in CD No.126, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk. They represent that Original they have lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 19.05.1980, Reg No.1879/1980-81, Book-1, Vol.3255, Pages 193-195, Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk executed in favor of Sri.T.Ramaiah.

In view of the above, anybody who has any manner of right, title, interest, charge on the said Property or any objections in whatsoever manner for the proposed purchase, shall file their written objections with documentary proof, before the undersigned within ten days from the date of publication, and if the undersigned does not receive any objections from whomsoever in whatsoever manner then it shall be presumed that the Schedule Property is free from all sorts of encumbrances, claims, charges, mortgages and obligations and my client shall go on with the purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All and piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.37, Property No.174 of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated within the administrative limits of BBMP, having BBMP Katha No.7, PID No.13-63-7, Situated at 4th Cross, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore, measuring EW: 38-0 ft and NS: 20-0 ft totally measuring 760 Sq.fts, bounded on: **East:** Road, **West:** Property No.53 earlier Site No.7, **North:** Property No.36 earlier Road, **South :** Property No.38 earlier Road.

T.S. VENKATESH & ASSOCIATES
Advocate
S-404, Brigade Plaza, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009. Date: 30.03.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the document bearing the Original Sale Deed dated 20/05/2011 executed between M/s Ajmera Housing Corporation, Bangalore, and Ms. Hemashree Shetty, registered at the Senior Sub-registrar, Begur, Bangalore district, and the Agreement to Sale entered on 25/01/2009 at Bangalore between M/s Ajmera Housing Corporation and Ms. Hemashree Shetty have been misplaced and are not traceable. The report of the same has been lodged at Bangalore City Police Station vide lost report no. 0991545/2024 dated 27/03/2024.

All person/s are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of said missing documents. If anyone has already been in possession of or is carrying out any transaction, kindly inform the undersigned in writing at the below-mentioned address within 7 days from this present date.

Description of lost/misplaced documents:

All that piece and parcel of residential apartment no. K1004 in the 10th floor admeasuring built up area about 962 sq. feet, consisting of two bed rooms and internal passages, situated in "K Block" of residential complex "Ajmera Infinity" situated at Doddathoguru village, Begur hobli, Bangalore, with proportionate undivided share about 125 sq. ft in common areas of development and undivided share of 455 sq. ft in the land which is registered as document no. BGR-1-01182-2011-12, CD no. BGRD85 of Book I dated 20/05/2011 in the office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore.

Sd/- A. Shenoy, Advocate,
No.14/1, 11th Main, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-1. Mob No: 9035747451.
Place: Bangalore
Date: 30/03/2024

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT), AT BANGALORE (CCH-90)
COM.OS.NO.1351/2023

Between:
The Jammu And Kashmir Bank Limited, A Banking Company established under the J&K Companies Act, 1977 (Samvat), having its registered Office at Moulana Azad Road, Srinagar, J&K and Branch Office at No.95, Ground Floor, Gold Signature Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005.
Rep.by its GPA Holder,
Mr.Tajamul Ahmed Qadri ... Plaintiff.
AND
M/s. N.A.Service Station and others ... Defendants.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO.3 To 5.

3. Waseem Ahmed, S/o. Late. Ahmed Pasha, Aged Major,
4. Alia Taj, D/o. Late. Ahmed Pasha, Aged Major,
5. Husna Taj, D/o.Late.Ahmed Pasha, Aged Major.

All are residing st at No.253; 2nd Main, 1st Stage; Pillanna Garden, Bengaluru-560045.

Whereas, the Plaintiff Bank has filed the above money recovery suit against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.12,62,752.29 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two and Paisa Twenty Nine)** along with Future interest at 16.25% P.A, from the date of the suit till the date of realization an cost of the suit. Hence, you are hereby requested to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this suit on **22.04.2024 at 11.00 A.M.**

If you fail to appear on the fixed date the suit will be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Court this **1st day of April 2024**

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar,
Court of the City Civil Judge, Bangalore
Address of the Advocate
Sd/- R.Shailesh Kumar,
M/s. Susheel Associates, Law Firm, F-1, First Floor, Harshita Arcade, No.138, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020. Cell No.9845009771.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **Sri. THANARAM** Aged about 28 years, S/o Gisha Ramji Devasi, **Sri. SHIVLAL** Aged about 39 years, S/o Gisha Ramji Devasi, Both are residing at No.01, 1st Cross, Kuvempu Main Main Road, Kempapura, H.A.Farm, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 024 my self intends to purchase the below scheduled immovable property from its owner **Sri.R. DAYANANDA,** Aged about 71 years, S/o. Sri. H.K. Rudraradhya, Residing at No.1226, Spoorthy Square, Jananabharthi 1st Block, Valagere Halli, K.S.Town, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 060. If any person/s having any objection or claim may send their objections with all supportive documents to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client would proceed to purchase the schedule property, as if there is no claim or objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 :- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.12B Katha No. 320, situated at Kempapura Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West: 35-0 Feet, North to South: 45-0 Feet, bounded on:- East by : 25 feet Road, West by : Vacant Land, North by : Site Nos.12 and 12A, South by : Site No.12C.

Item No.2 :- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.12B Katha No. 320, situated at Kempapura Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West: 35-0 Feet, North to South: 7-0 Feet, bounded on:- East by : Road, West by : Vacant Land North by : Site Nos.12 and 12A, South by : Remaining portion of same site already sold to the purchaser.

And the objectors may also approach

Sri. THANARAM
No.01, 1st Cross, Kuvempu Main Main Road, Kempapura, H.A.Farm, Bangalore North Bangalore - 560 024
Contact No : **7892807248**

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II,
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
O.A.No. 1550/2019

IN THE MATTER OF:
STATE BANK OF INDIA,
Assets Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru. **....Applicant Bank**
AND
Mr. Syed Umar
S/o. Syed Basheer & Another **Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RDB ACT, 1993 (as amended)

To,
1) Mr. SYED UMAR
S/o. Syed Basheer
2) Mrs. Husna Banu
W/o. Syed Umar
Both residing at No. 12/1, Next to Inasappa Layout, Convent Road, Church Road, St. Thomas Post, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru-560084.
Also at : No. 14, 11th Cross, HKP Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru-560051. **Defendant/s**

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the defendant for a sum of **Rs. 24,42,451/-** as on 30.09.2020 as mentioned in the Original Application (as amended) together with current and future interest and for other reliefs. You are hereby requested to show cause within 30 days of the publication of Summons/notice or on **02.05.2024, at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal on this 31st day of March 2024.

By the order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore-560001

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 18.04.2024 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	A) SARFAESI Details Possession B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	BANGALORE, ELECTRONIC CITY (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** MR. CHANDRAN ARUN **A/C No. 606200NC00000889**	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY "A":** All that piece of the property Vacant site bearing No.15, Khatha No.60/2, previously coming under city Municipal Council, Bommanahalli CMC Katha No. 365:60-2/15, now coming under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Jurisdiction, bearing B.B.M.P Katha No. 264/365/60/2/15, Situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 50 ft and North to South 80 ft in totally measuring 4,000 Sq.ft, Bounded by:-**East by:** Site bearing No.16, **West by** : Property of Sri Narayanaswamy, **North by** : Road and **South by**: Property of Sri Narayanaswamy. **SCHEDULE PROPERTY "B" :** All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Flat No G3 in the Ground Floor, measuring 1225 Sq.Ft Super built up Area, containing with Hall, kitchen, Two Bedrooms, together with one covered Car Parking space bearing No G3 including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building on the Schedule "A" property known as "SV FLORA" together with 260 Sq. Ft of undivided share in the land comprised in Schedule "A" property. Bounded as follows : **East By** : Corridor & Open To Sky, **West By :** Open to Sky, **North By :** Open to Sky & Flat No G2 and **South By :** Open to Sky.	A) 13(2) 07.08.2018 13(4) 10.05.2019 Physical **B) Rs. 53,82,703.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.33,75,000/- B) Rs.3,75,000/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
2	BANGALORE, ELECTRONIC CITY (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** Sumathi G & Venkataramesh Gupta **A/C No. 606200NC00000977**	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY "A":** All theat piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.15, Khatha No. 60/2, CMC Khatha No.365/60-2/15, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 264/365/60/2/15, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 80 feet, in all measuring 4,000 sq. Ft. And bounded On the **East by :** Site No. 16, on the **West by:** property belonging to Sri Narayanswamy, **North by:** Road and **South by:** property belonging to Sri Narayanswamy. **SCHEDULE PROPERTY "B" :** 308 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property. **SCHEDULE PROPERTY "C" :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No.101 on the first floor in the residential building known as S V FLORA constructed on the Schedule "A" property having a super built up area measuring 1450 sqw ft. Along with one covered car parking space in the Basement and bounded: **East By** : Corridor open to sky, **West By :** Open to Sky, **North By :** Open to Sky and **South By :** Open to Sky and Flat No. 102.	A) 13(2) 13.06.2019 13(4) 19.08.2019 Physical **B) Rs. 62,73,499.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.44,10,000/- B) Rs.4,10,000/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
3	BANGALORE, ELECTRONIC CITY (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** G Vivek Reddy **A/C No. 606200NC00000852**	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY "A":** All theat piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.15, Khatha No. 60/2, CMC Khatha No.365/60-2/15, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 264/365/60/2/15, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 80 feet, in all measuring 4,000 sq. Ft. And bounded On the **East by :** Site No. 16, **West by:** property belonging to Sri Narayanswamy, **North by:** Road and **South by:** property belonging to Sri Narayanswamy. **SCHEDULE PROPERTY "B" :** 308 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property. **SCHEDULE PROPERTY "C" :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No.401 on the fourth floor in the residential building known as S V FLORA constructed on the Schedule "A" property having a super built up area measuring 1450 sqw ft. Along with one covered car parking space and bounded : **East By** : Corridor open to sky, **West By :** Open to Sky, **North By :** Open to Sky and **South By :** Open to Sky and Flat No. 402.	A) 13(2) 13.07.2018 13(4) 29.12.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 64,82,397.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.58,21,200/- B) Rs.5,82,120/- C) Rs.50,000/-**

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2.** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. **3.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. **4.** Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com**. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. **5.** The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in, 6.** The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e -बिक्रय IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). **7.** The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. **8.** Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. **9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10.** It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. **(1)** In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. **11.** After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). **12.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **13.** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. **14.** Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. **15.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **16.** The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. **17.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **19.** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **20.** All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. **21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22.** The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. **23.** It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.**

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER**
Date : 01.04.2024 **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **SRI. RAJANNA**, S/o Late. Ramaiah, aged about 59 years, R/at Mallasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, has lost the original document i.e., Agreement of Sale dt.21/09/2020 and Agreement of sale dt.05/04/21 executed by one B.B.Narayanaswamy S/o late Bellappa executed in respect of the property bearing Sy.No.133, measuring to an extent of 5 guntas of land, situated at Bhaktarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru rural district. If any person/s or institution found the above said document hand over to the below stated address, thereafter if any claim raised shall not be entertained.

SHANTHKUMAR, Advocate
P & R Associates
No.81, 1st Floor, Meenakshi Building
Sanjeevappa lane, Avenue Road Cross
Bengaluru- 560 002. Phone No. 9743053249.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Sriyuths. Prakash, Mithalal Kumawat and Ramesh** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Sri.B.L.Sathya Narayana S/o.B.V.Lakshmi Narayana;** any person/s, Bank, Financial Institutions etc objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.1, katha No.1842512 carved out of converted Survey No.4/3 and 133, measuring East To West 51 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, in all measuring 3060 Square Feet, situated at Bilishivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Site No.2, North by : Private Property, South by : Road;

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 080-48658774

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that My Clients intend to PURCHASE the Immovable property morefully described in the Schedule Property hereunder from its Present Owner Sri Nagaraj .S, S/o. Seenappa .M

Any Person/s any Company, any Financial institutions having any sort of claims/rights/interest on the below mentioned Schedule property or any objections to purchase the Schedule Property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below mentioned Schedule property and my clients shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction. Any claims thereafter shall not be entertained after 10 days.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing immoveable property bearing Site No.194, formed in Sy No.95, 98/1, 98/2, 98/3 and 98/4 of Nayanappa Setty Palya Village and Survey Nos. 8,9,10,17/1, 17/2 and 21 of Marenahalli (Sarakki Ii Phase) Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, formed by The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation Employees' Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., Bengaluru, Presently the Property comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.177 (Old Ward No.57) and assigned as Property No.194, 5th Main Road, KSRTC Layout, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru, having The Unique Property ID No (PID) 57-113-194, measuring:-East To West:12.19 Metres, North To South:9.14 Metres, totally measuring: 111.4721 Square Metres, and bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.199, **North by:** Site No.195, **South by:** Site No.193, Together with R.C.C.Roofed residential building thereon,

G.H. NAGARAJ, Advocate
NOBLE LAW ASSOCIATES
No.924/A60, 1st Floor, 4th Cross,
12th Main, Above Mani Textile,
Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560019.
Mobile No.9980465465.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Gangappa and another** has filed the above Petition for the death certificate of 1st Petitioner Wife and 2nd Petitioner Mother **LATE. RATHNAMMA W/O GANGAPPA was died on 18/11/2004** at Tarahunase Village & Post, Yalahanka Taluk, Jala Hobli, Banglore and Karnataka-562157. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 22/4/2024.at 11.00 A.M. in C.Mis.No 307/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Smt. Chandrakala .B, Advocate

IN THE COURT OF THE 1st ADDL. SR. CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU

OS No. 552 OF 2022

BETWEEN : 1. Smt. N. Ashwini,
W/o M N Devaraja, Aged about 37 years
2. Sri. M. N. Devaraja,
S/o M K Ningayya, Aged about 43 years
Both residing at House No. 1356, 14th Main Road, 15th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru-560 078. **...PLAINTIFFS**
AND: Sri. Nagaraj, S/o Late Kariyanna, Major in age, Residing at Kodipalya, Kengeri Hobli, Vidyapeetha Post, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560 060 **& ORS ...DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NOS. 6, 7, 9 and 11 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

To,
6. **Sri. K B Devaraj,** S/o Late Balakrishnappa, Major in age, Residing at Kodipalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Vidyapeetha Post, Bengaluru-560 060.
7. **Sri. K. B. Krishnamurthy,** S/o Late Balakrishnappa, Major in age, Residing at No. 53, Nagu Nilaya, B J Nagara, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru-560 056.
9. **Sri. Ajaykumar,** S/o Late Nanjundappa, Major in age, Residing at No. 1/6, Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560 060.
11. **Smt. Vanamala,** D/o Late Balakrishnappa, Major in age, No.456, K H B Colony, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore - 560 060.

Whereas the above-named Plaintiffs have instituted a Suit for Declaration and consequential reliefs with respect to Schedule 'B' and 'C' Property. Hence, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Court **on 27.05.2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE-A [Composite Schedule]

All that piece and parcel of converted land in Sy.No. 1/6, Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District now within the limits of Ward No. 198, Hemmigepura Ward of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike measuring 5¾ guntas which is bounded as follows : On the East by : Sy.No. 2/2, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Property of Vanamala (now Road).

SCHEDULE-B
[Property retained by First Plaintiff]

All that piece and parcel of converted land in Sy.No. 1/6, Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District now within the limits of Ward No. 198, Hemmigepura Ward of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike measuring about 2261 sq.ft. which is bounded as follows: On the East by : Sy.No. 2/2, West by : Plaint Schedule-C property, North by : Road, South by : Property of Vanamala (now Road).

SCHEDULE-C
[Property gifted by First Plaintiff in favour of Second Plaintiff]

Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of Site No. 1, in converted lands [vide order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru bearing No. ALN(S) SR: (KT) 98/2003-04 dated 06.10.2004] in Sy.No. 1/6, Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk District now within the limits of Ward No. 198, Hemmigepura Ward of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 50 ft, in all 2000 sq.ft. which is bounded as follows: On the East by : Remaining portion of my land in Sy.No. 1/6, West by : Road, North by : Remaining portion of my land in Sy.No. 1/6 and Road, South by: Site No. 2 of Sy.No. 1/6.

Item No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of Site No. 2, in converted lands [vide order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru bearing No. ALN(S) SR: (KT) 98/2003-04 dated 06.10.2004] in Sy.No. 1/6, Chudenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk District now within the limits of Ward No. 198, Hemmigepura Ward of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 50 ft, in all 2000 sq.ft. which is bounded as follows: On the East by : Remaining portion of my land in Sy.No. 1/6, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 1 of Sy.No. 1/6, South by : Sy.No. 1/6 belonging to Smt. Vanamala D/o Late Balakrishnappa.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 26th day of March 2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural Dist., Bengaluru.
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFFS:
RAJESH B.L., Advocate
No. 24, IV Model House Street,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mrs.Nasreen Taj and Mr.Abdul Khadir** have negotiated to purchase the residential flat morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its owners MRS.SUDHA MURALI and MR. SHRAYANTH KUMAR MURALI, residing at No.379, F Block, 10th B Main, F Block, Sahakara Nagar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560092. My clients have approached State Bank of India (code 1316), Hebbal Branch, CBI Road, Bangalore-560032, to avail Housing loan for purchase of flat. As the owners are not having original sale deed dated 11-7-2003, bearing Document No.1743/2003-04, Book-I, stored in C.D. No.GNSR29, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore (U) District as the same was misplaced by ICICI Bank. Any person or persons having any manner of right, title, interest, share or claim whatsoever over the schedule Flat may file their objections in writing to the undersigned, with in **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this publication along with documentary proof, after that my clients shall finalise the transaction. Objections received beyond the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property Unit No-WH256 in Block No.A-III, in Tower- 6, on 3rd floor Apartment No.304, in the building measuring 240.70 Sq.Meters (appcx)/(2590 Sq.ft) of saleable area containing 3 bedrooms, with rights to parking car in parking space No.P-0604, in basement contained in the complex known as White House, and 91.07 Sq.mt (980 Sq.ft) of Undivided, right, title and interest in Schedule A Property.

SYED AKRAM SABZAWARI, Advocate,
No.7, Sy No.37/2, Kodigi Thirumallapura,
Near Jamia Masjid, Hessarghatta Main Road
Cross, M: 9844137402
Bangalore - 560 089. Date :01-04-2024

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE

P & SC No. 25022/2024

BETWEEN: Smt. M. Nagarathnamma, D/o. Late. Sri. C.P. Ramaiah, W/o. Masthi Gowda, aged about 61 years, All R/at: No. 135, 5th Cross, Puttappa Layout, Mahadevapura, Bangalore- 560 048 **...PETITIONER**
AND: -NIL- ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioner Smt. M. Nagarathnamma has instituted a Petition Under Section 276(e) and 278 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect to the Schedule Property seeking permission for Letters of Administration and Probate the Will Dt:10-07-1996. Any interested parties are hereby warned to appear at Hon'ble City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit (CCH-22) either in person or by a pleader, duly instructed on the **26-04-2024** at **11'o clock** in the forenoon to show cause against the petitioner if any, failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Grama Thana No. 253, Vacant Sites Nos. 30 & 31, Mahadevapura Village, B. Narayanapura, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 feet or 12.19 Meters and North to South: 60 feet or 18.28 Meters, totally measuring 2400 sq.ft or 222.82 Square Meters, and bounded on the: **East by:** 3rd Cross Road, **West by:** House No. 18 & 19, **North by:** Government Road, **South by:** House No. 29.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 26-03-2024.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.

NAIK & REDDY ASSOCIATES, Advocate
No. 101/1, Old Madras Road Cross, Halasuru
Bangalore- 560 008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my client has agreed to develop the Schedule Property into a multi-storied residential apartment building by entering into Development Agreement with its owners Viz.,Smt.R.BharathiRajanna (Owner of Item No.1 of the Schedule Property) and Smt. R. Bharathi Rajannaandher Children Viz., 1) Sri.R.Hariprakash Chakravarthi, 2)Sri.R.Mahendra Kumar, 3) Smt.Namratha R. B, 4)Sri.R.Chythanya 5) Sri. Raghavendra .R. B, 6)Sri. R.J. SubhashBabu(Owners of Item No.2 of the Schedule Property).

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule Property, or otherwise have any lawful objections for development of the Schedule Property, they are hereby called upon to file their objections to this Joint Development Agreement transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing New Sy.No.70/1 (Old Sy.No.70), measuring 1acre 19guntas out of 3acres 12guntas, and Karab land thereon, situated at Anjanapura village, UttrahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : Gopala Swamy Temple and Private Land
West by : Portion of Sy.No:70 beloning to Nanjaiah and remaining in Sy.No:70/1
North by : Remaining land in Sy.No:70/1
South by : Private Land

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of land bearing New Sy.No.70/1 (Old Sy.No.70), measuring 1acre 20guntas out of 3acres 12guntas, and Karab thereon, situated at Anjanapura village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : Gopala Swamy Temple and Private Land
West by : Land belongs to Sri. Muniswamy
North by : Thippasandra and Alahali boundary
South by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.70 belongs to Smt. R. Bharathi Rajanna

Sd/- **K. VENKATA SUDHEER**, Advocate
No. 548/51/1, 1st Floor, Garuthman Park,
Andal Temple Street, (Behind R.V. Teacher's College), R.V. Road, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore -560 004. Mobile: 9845682098

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given by **MR. SHEKHAR TIWARI & MRS. DEEPIKA TIWARI** stating that the Original Power of Attorney, constituted by **M/s John Fowler (India) Ltd.** favouring **Mr. Vimal M. Menda**, the authorised signatory of **M/s K. Raheja Development Corporation** dated 27/12/1996, unregistered document, used for the Registration of Apt. No. E-415, Raheja Residency Apartments, Koramangala on 30/01/2002 vide Sale deed No.10978/2001-02 is lost/misplaced. The loss of this document has been reported on 23/03/2024.

As well as the, unregistered Car Parking Allotment Deed towards the said apartment's **designated parking slots H12 & H13** is also lost /misplaced. The loss of this document has been reported on 16/03/2024.

If anyone has found the above documents kindly handover the same on the following address:

E-415, Raheja Residency, Koramangala
Bangalore - 560034
Ph: 9900002562

IN THE COURT OF PRL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-45)

G AND WC No. 10/2024

BETWEEN : 1. ANUSHKA GOWDA, D/o Late Shashidar .K,Age about 14 years, Occupation: Education
2. VIBHA GOWDA D/o Late Shashidar .K, Age about 10 years, Occupation: Education, Through their Natural Guardian DEVIKA SHASHIDHAR (Natural Mother) W/o Late Shashidar .K D/o Ramachandra, Age 40 years, Residing at: No. 143, 5th Main, 6th Cross, KEBCS Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094.
...PETITIONERS
And: Nil ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners above named have filed a G & WC Petition before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-45) under Section 8 of Hindu Minority And Guardianship Act Read With Section 29 of The Guardian And Wards' Act seeking permission to alienation of Schedule B Property the petitioners father and husband of Devika Shashidar i.e **Shashidar .K** who died on 14.02.2018 intestate leaving behind his legal heirs, the Petitioners herein, who have succeeded to his estate.

Interested parties are hereby named to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 27.04.2024 at 11.00 am**, inform to show cause against the petitioner, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment Flat Unit bearing No.408, Ad-measuring 1262 Sq.ft on the fourth floor together with one covered car parking of the building known as "SHUBHA" in the project called as Surabhi constructed on the property bearing Khata No. BDA/RO(S)/VO/No.1/ pages 34/1999-2000 described herein above in schedule property together with 0.38% undivided interest in the land (i.e., 528.00 Sq ft), out of 1,39,392 Sq.ft and right to enjoy all other common amenities and facilities of the building.

Given under my hand & seal of the court, this 26.03.2024.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioners :
MOHAMMED AYUB ALI, Advocate
No. 144, 6th Cross, K.E.B. Layout,
Sanjayanagar, Bengaluru-560 094.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II (KARNATAKA)
4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001.

O.A. No. 120 OF 2021

BETWEEN:
Karnataka Bank Ltd., ...Applicant
AND
Sri Dileep Kumar and another. ....Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES.

To ;
DEFENDANTS:
1. Shri. Dileep Kumar, Aged about 28 years, S/o.Sri.Krishnappa,
PAN NO.BAGPD2467K.
2. Smt.Varalakshmi, Aged about 47 years, W/o.Sri.Krishnappa,
PAN No.AKJPV4416E.
Both Residing at No.5, 8th Cross, 1st Main Road, Magadi Main Road, Kottigepalya, Bengaluru - 560 091.

Whereas the Applicant Bank above named has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.46,97,082-00 (Fourty Six Lakhs Ninty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred & Two Rupees Only)** together with interest thereon, at the rate of 8.07% P.A. with monthly rests from this date till date of realization in full. You are therefore directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on or before **19/06/2024. at 10.30 A.M.** as to why the reliefs prayed for by the Applicant Bank against you, should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of your default, the Applicant will be heard and the case determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **27th Day of Feb, 2024.**

Sd/- REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theater, Opp. Trust Well Hospital,
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663
Fax No. 080-25943664, Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c. No.:INICIO/39897359243/39897339306

WHEREAS,The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **13.12.2023** calling upon the borrower **Smt Sreyosi Pal** W/o. Mr. Suvrjit Sarkar, No. 96, PWD Road, UB Colony, Baranagar, North 24 Paraganas, Kolkata- 700 108, also at : Flat No. 311, Shri Balaji Ocean, Narayanaghatta Village, Puttanallur Cross, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore - 560 099, and **Shri Suvrajit Sarkar,** S/o. Ajay, No. 96, PWD Road, UB Colony, Baranagar, North 24 Paraganas, Kolkata- 700 108, also at No. 005 H, Aratt Adora, Gunjur Palya, Near Krupanidhi College, Bangalore 560 087, Also at : Flat No. 311, Shri Balaji Ocean, Narayanaghatta Village, Puttanallur Cross, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore - 560 099, also at : Digital Harbor Pvt. Ltd., G- Floor, Prestige Tech Park, #, Sarjapur, Marathahalli, Bangalore to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.39,41,166.00/-** (Rupees Thirty nine lakh forty one thousand one hundred sixty six only) as on 12.12.2023 and interest & expenses thereonwithin 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **30.03.2024.**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount **of Rs.40,03,148.00 (**Rupees forty lakhs three thousand one hundred forty eight only) as on 27.03 .2024 being and interest plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's / guarantor's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule A Property : Item No.I : All that piece and parcel of the immovable House Property bearing converted Sy. No. 6/1, (Converted from Agricultural to non Agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion certificate bearing No. ALN(ASH)SR179/2014-15, Dated 23.05.2015, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) totally measuring an extent 38 guntas, situated at Narayanaghatta Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, with all rights appurtenances whatsoever here under or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : East by : 40 feet Road and Land bearing Sy . 6/3, West by : Kaluve, North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 7, South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 6/1 (item II Property)

Item No.II : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing converted Sy. No. 6/1, (Converted from Agricultural to non Agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion certificate bearing No. ALN(ASH)SR179/2014-15, Dated 23.05.2015, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) totally measuring an extent 38 guntas, situated at Narayanaghatta Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, with all rights appurtenances whatsoever here under or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : East by : Land bearing Sy . 6/2, West by : Kaluve, North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 6/1, (item I Property), South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 6/4.

Composite Schedule A of the Property : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 6/1, present From E- Katha No. 150200102100220426, (Converted from Agricultural to non Agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion certificate bearing No. ALN(ASH)SR179/2014-15, Dated 23.05.2015, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) totally measuring an extent 1 Acre 36 guntas, situated at Narayanaghatta Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Bounded as under : East by : 40 feet Road and Land bearing Sy No.6/2 & 6/3, West by : Kaluve, North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 7, South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 6/4.

Schedule B Property : 473.186 sq.ft. undivided share right title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

Schedule C Property : Flat bearing N o. 334, Present from E Katha No. 150200102100221458, in the Third Floor, measuring about 967 sq.ft. super built up area (which includes 773.6 sq.ft. of carpet area), containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies staircase, etc, in the multistoried building known as **"Shri Balaji Ocean"** constructed over Schedule "a" Property and bounded on : East by : Flat No. 333, West by : Stair Case, North by : Entrance and Corridor, South by : Flat No. 335.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 30.03.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Materials Management Department
Addendum Auction Programme (Special)
Notice No:04/2024

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches& Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl. No.	E-Auction Conducted By	Existing Auction date which is cancelled	Re-Scheduled Auction date for 10/04/24	Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	10/04/24	12/04/24	The details of items to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue **www.ireps.gov.in** website

All other auctions scheduled for April'24 remains unaltered

For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue please visit our web-site **http://www.ireps.gov.in ->E-Auction->Sale->Live Auctions**

Principal Chief Materials Manager
Dy.CMM/G/PER

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner, **SRI.A.SURYANARAYANA GUPTA** S/o late Ashwathnarayana Setty, residing at: No.66, Shankara Park, Rangarao Road, Shankarapuram, Bangalore-560004.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.66, PID No.49-62-66, measuring East to West (69ft + 70ft)/2 and North to South (44ft + 42.6ft)/2, in all measuring 3006 Sq.ft., together with a building comprised of ground plus two upper floors, situated at Rangarao Road, Shankara Park, Shankarapuram, Bangalore-560004 and bounded on the:

East by : Mutt's property
West by : Rangarao Road
North by : C.V.K.Iyengar's residence
South by : Dr.Krishnaswamy's House

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri D.Venkatesh, S/o Dasachari,** residing at Vijayanagar, Bangalore intend to purchase the agriculture property bearing **Sy. No. 8/1, to extent of 4 Acres situated at Bhuvanahalli Village, Kasaba Holi, Devanahalli Taluk, from its owners Sri Govindarajan, Mr. Srinivasan and Mr. Harish Kumar, all are resident Chickballapur Town.**

If any person/s or financial institutions having any claim, right, title and interest on the above property, they may file their objection along with supporting documents within **7 days** from today to the below mentioned address. After that the same shall be treated no claim whatsoever in respect of the schedule property.

(C.M.RAGHUNATH) Advocate.
No.6/1, S.S. Temple Street, K.P. West,
Bangalore-560020 Mob: 9986022999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Sri Rickhab Chand,** S/o. Sri Champalal and Sri Nagaraja .S.B, S/o. Sri Basavaiah, have negotiated to purchase the Property scheduled below from its owners Mr. Noel De Nazareth, S/o. Mr. Hugh De Nazareth, R/a. No.22, Anjanaya Street, Near Football Stadium, Yellagunda Palyam, Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560047, Mr. Terence De Nazareth, S/o.Mr. Hugh De Nazareth, R/a. No.39/1, Castle Street, Ashoknagar, Bangalore North, Museum Road, Bengaluru-560025 and Mr. Gregory De Nazareth, S/o.Mr. Hugh De Nazareth, R/a. Pileme, Flat No.202, No.13, Hayes Road, Richmond Town, Bengaluru, 560025.

Objections /claims if any to the proposed transaction of sale or in respect of below Schedule Property may be lodged with the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof **within 10 days** from hereof, failing which our clients shall finalise the transaction. Objections received beyond the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing present BBMP No.14/5, Old No.20 (earlier part of property bearing No.31/20, previously bearing No,31 and 32), PID No.48-68-14/5, Situated at Jayachamarajendra Road, Bengaluru, BBMP New Ward No.118-Shudamnagar (old Ward No.48), Bengaluru, measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 30 Feet 08 inches, in all measuring 2464 Sq. Ft., along with 200 Sq. Ft. ACC sheet building and bounded on: **East by :** Common passage and thereafter property belonging to Smt. A. Nagaraathnamma, **West by:** Property belonging to Late Dr. S. Janardhan, **North by:** Common passage of 30 Ft. width and **South by:** Private Property.

H.R. SREEPADA, Advocate
RAM BHAT & SREEPADA ASSOCIATES
No.20, 6th Cross, 8th Main,
Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru.
Mob:9844076629. Date:01.04.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE (LOST DOCUMENT)

Public at large is notified and informed that the original Sale deed dated 07.01.2015 executed by **Sri. N. Prakash and Mr. K.M. Baharuddeen,** in favour of Sri. Ayan Ghosh and Mrs. Sharmistha Dutta and duly registered as document No. BTM-1-07342/2014-15, of Book-01, stored in CD No. BTMD-81 before the office of the Sub-registrar, B.T.M Layout, Bangalore, has been lost/ misplaced by my client **Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited,** relating to the property bearing Flat bearing No. 107, Single Bed Room, on First Floor, with a Super Built-up Area of 600 Sq. ft., "known as "Sreevaru Srivasine's" along with 137 Sq. Ft of Undivided share, along with One Bike Parking in the stilt floor, right, title, interest in the land comprising in Schedule "A" Property mentioned above., i.e., situated at property bearing No. 2, 3 & 4, particularly falls in Sy No. 79/1 Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore -560 100, is bounded as follows:- **East by:** Open to Sky, **West by :** Flat No.108, **North by:** Corridor and Flat No.106, **South by:** Open to Sky, mortgaged by Sri. Ayan Ghosh and Mrs. Sharmistha Dutta, with Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited as security under Loan Account no. **HHLBAN00210744** have been misplaced at its premises in Bangalore Branch office at.1st and 3rd Floor, Bikaner Pinnacle Rehinus Street, Richmond Road, Bangalore. All efforts were made to trace out the above said original document but all went in Vain and police complaint has been also lodged on **21.02.2024** to this effect.

In case any body who could have found the above mentioned document, is hereby requested to intimate/return the same to Sri. Ayan Ghosh and Mrs. Sharmistha Dutta or to produce before the Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd having its Branch office at, 1st and 3rd Floor, Bikaner Pinnacle Rehinus Street, Richmond Road, Bangalore.

S.SHABEER, Advocate,
S.S. Law Associates & Legal Consultants
No.12A, I Floor, HHS & HMS Complex,
Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore -560 002

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mr. Ashwin .V,** S/o. Late H.R. Venkatesh, residing at # 111, 4th Main Road, Near Petrol Bunk, Income Tax Layout, Bangalore-560 040, Aadhar No. 4344 4319 0613, has represented that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and the **Original Sale Deed dated 18.07.1979, document No.1576/1979-80, Book I, Volume 562, Pages 139 to 140 and registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore** executed by The Secretary, The Mysuru Income Tax Department Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., in favor of Mr.G.H.Kulkarni S/o Mr. Hanumanth Rao Kulkarni in respect of the Schedule Property has been lost/misplaced and the same is not traceable.

It is further represented that the above said **Original Sale Deed dated 18.07.1979, document No.1576/1979-80** has not been pledged/mortgaged and no lien/charge has been created on the lost document.

Any person/s holding the said Original Sale Deed dated 18.07.1979, document No.1876/1979-80 are requested to return the same to the undersigned or to my client, since except my client no other person/s are entitled to hold the custody of the above referred **Original Sale Deed dated 18.07.1979, document No.1576/1979-80.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the commercial immovable property bearing Corporation No.7 (Formerly bearing BDA Site No.7, situated at Kempapura Agrahara, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now Corporation Division No.22) PID No.40-139-7, situated at 1st Main Road, Mysuru Income Tax Layout, Bangalore, Ward No.132, Attiguppe Sub Division, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, together with the building thereon comprising of Basement, Ground, First, Second and Third Floor with water, light and sanitation and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and the building constructed on site measuring: East to West : 40 Feet, North to South : 60 Feet, Total Area: 2,400 Square Feet, (222.965 Square Meters) and bounded as follows:

East by : Private Property (formerly Site No.6)
West by : Private Property (formerly Site No.8)
North by : 60 Feet Road
South by : Private Property (formerly Site No.28)

N. JAIPRAKASH RAO, VEENA RAO, N. ASHOK KUMAR
JAYPEE ASSOCIATES "LAW FIRM"
38, "KRISHNA", 1st Cross, Malleswaram,
Bangalore-3. PH : 23560365, 23468742
Email: contact@jaypeeassociates.com

AFTER TWO-WEEK RAID, ISRAELI TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM AL-SHIFA HOSPITAL

Destruction in the area surrounding Gaza's Al-Shifa hospital after the Israeli military withdrew from the complex housing the hospital | AFP

DEIR AL-BALAH

ISRAEL'S military withdrew from Gaza's largest hospital early on Monday after a two-week raid, in which it said it killed some 200 militants and detained hundreds more. Palestinian residents said the troops left behind several bodies and a vast swath of destruction.

The military has described the raid on Al-Shifa Hospital as a major battlefield victory in the nearly six-month war. But it came at a time of mounting frustration in Israel, with tens of thousands protesting against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday and demanding he do more to bring home dozens of hostages held in Gaza. It was the largest anti-government demonstration since the start of the war.

The fighting showed that Hamas can still put up resistance even in one of the hardest-hit areas. Israel said it had largely dismantled Hamas in northern Gaza and withdrew thousands of troops late last year, leaving a security vacuum that has made it difficult to deliver desperately needed humanitarian aid.

The UN health agency said over 20 patients died and dozens were put at risk during the raid, which brought even further destruction to a hospital that had already largely ceased to function.

It was not yet known how many Palestinian civilians were killed during the raid. The military denied that its forces harmed any civilians inside the compound.

Mohammed Mahdi, who was among hundreds of Palestinians who returned to the area, described a scene of 'total destruction.' Video footage circulating online showed heavily damaged and charred buildings, mounds of dirt that had been churned up by bulldozers and patients on stretchers in darkened corridors.

US, Israel hold virtual meet on Rafah plans

The United States and Israel were holding virtual talks Monday to discuss the potential expansion of Israel's war against Hamas to the southern Gaza city of Rafah, a move the US opposes on humanitarian grounds.

The officials met by secure video conference, a week after planned in-person talks were nixed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when the US didn't veto a UN resolution that called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. *AP*

US to quiz Israel on bodies found at hosp: White House

Washington: The White House will demand more information from Israel after "deeply concerning" reports on Monday of bodies found strewn at Gaza's Al-Shifa hospital as Israeli forces pulled out after an intensive military operation. "It is deeply concerning if it's true, we're going to be reaching out to the Israeli government to get more information," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters in Washington.

Lost Of Documents

I, **Bijay Kumar Singh**, Residing at ADGP Carlton house, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560001. I have lost My original Educational Certificates details as follows. 1) ORGINAL HIGH SCHOOL MARKS CARD AND CERTIFICATE Issued By Uttarpradesh Board of Secondary Education, Allahabad UP. 2) ORGINAL INTERMEDIATE MARKS CARD AND CERTIFICATE Issued By Uttarpradesh Board of Secondary Education Board, Allahabad UP 3) ORIGINAL BACHELORS SCIENCE DEGREE MARKS CARD AND CERTIFICATE Issued By ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY ALLAHABAD UTTAR PRADESH 4) ORIGINAL FINAL YEAR BACHELORS OF ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING MARKS CARD AND DEGREE CERTIFICATE Issued By GORAKHPUR UNIVERSITY, GORAKHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH. I lodged a complaint with Bangalore City Police vide **Lost Report No. 0994137/2024** Dated 28/03/2024If anybody finds **please Contact: 9480800103** OR nearest Police Station

DOCUMENTS LOST

My Client proposes to purchase the schedule property from Sri.Rampal, son of late Shamsingh. It is hereby informed the general public that any person/s, Bank/s, financial institution/s etc., if having any objection, charge, lien, mortgage right, title or interest etc., over the property should notify the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof within seven days from this notice. If, such claim is/are not lodged with us within the stipulated time, as above, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any calim/s and my client will proceed to purchase the said property without being liable for any claim/s put forth thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Property bearing Site No.2, Katha No.12/1, carved out of Property No.27, situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore measuring East to West 28 ½ Feet, North to South 58 Feet, In all measuring 1653 Square Feet and bounded on East by: Site No.1, West by: Property of Krishnappa@ Pullappa, North by: Horamavu-Agara PWD Road, South by: Private Property.

Bangalore
Date:02.04.2024

K.M.GANAPATHY,
Advocate,
59/1, Next to BBMP Office,
Old Madras Road, K.R.Puram,
BANGALORE -560 050.
Ph:98443 33687 Mail:
Ganapathy.adv1727@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that under the instruction my client **Smt. Mariyamma,** W/o. Anjinappa, aged about 70 years, residing at Puttenahalli Village, Kannamangala Post, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, have revoked the General Power of Attorney dated:14.2.2003, vide Document No.966/2002-03 of Book-IV Stored in C.D. No. 109 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, executed in favour of Sri. H.C. Byregowda, S/o. Chikkanna, No.600, 3rd Cross, 4th Main Road, Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru-560019 and also available at No.1288, Rajeshwari Granite Stores Road, 1st Cross Road, Magadi Main Road, Housing Board, Bengaluru-560079, in respect of schedule property mentioned below. My client have revoked and cancelled the said General Power of Attorney with immediate effect. Hence the General Public is notified not to deal with the above persons in any manner whatsoever. Inspite of this, if any person/s still deals with H.C. Byregowda he/she will be doing so at his/her own risk, costs and my client will not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land in Survey No.95/22, measuring 0.06 Guntas, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bounded on **East by:** Drain, **West by:** Drain, **North by:** Land in Sy.No.95/21 and **South by:** Land in Sy.95/23

K.C. KRISHNA MURTHY, Advocate
No.309, 11th Cross, Chikkasandra,
Hessarghatta Main Road, T Dasarahalli Post,
Bengaluru-560057.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice hereby given that My Client intended to purchase the property bearing site No. 1003, I st Main Road, Block No. IV Rajajinagar, Bangalore BBMP PID Nos. 22-1-54, 22-1-54/1, 22-1-54/2, 22-1-54/3 ward No. 108 measuring **East to West 85' Ft and North to South 45' Ft totally measuring 3825 Sq.Ft** and constructed building bounded on **East by**:- Road, **West by**:- Site No. 996, **North by**: Site No. 1002, **South by**: Site No. 1004 hereinafter referred as Schedule Property from **1. Mr. Kumar V J** son of late V Sathyaprema & late V C Jaganmohan and Grand Son of late R. Vijaya Rangareddy, **2. Mr. Satyanarayan R** S/o late R. Vijaya Rangareddy, **3. Mr. Venkatesh R V** S/o. late R. Vijaya Rangareddy, **4. Mr. Vishvesh R V** S/o. late R. Vijaya Rangareddy, **5. Mr. Harish R V** S/o. late R. Vijaya Rangareddy as per their Family Tree, and as per their Partition Deed. If any person/s having any claim on the SCHEDULE PROPERTY by way of ownership, tenancy, license, sale, mortgage, exchange, charge, lease, lien, inheritance, maintenance, possession, gift, trust, Govt. Duties, Levies, Encumbrance easement or otherwise are requested to inform below given address within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the publication hereof. Any claim received after the aforesaid period shall be deemed to have waived or abandoned and the sale will be completed without taking any reference to such claim/s.

Sd/- **PAVAN M N,** Advocate
No. A-21/1, Manyata Residency,
Arabic Cillege Post, Bangalore 560045
E-mail: pavan.n38@gmail.com
Mob. No.9620849443

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Anjinamma W/o. Venkatappa** has filed the above Petition for the death certificate of her Mother **LATE. HANUMAKKA W/O LATE. NARAYANAPPA as was died on 19/01/1995** at No.65, Channahalli Village, Chikkajala Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, and Bangalore-562157. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 22/4/2024 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Mis.No 185/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Smt. Chandrakala .B, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **THYAGARAJU H.S** S/o. Sri. Shivaramaiah, aged about 59 years, R/at No. 2850, 13th B Main, RPC Layout, Near Attiguppe Govt., School, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, having the Original Sale Deed dated 24/11/1977, vide Doc.No.2936/1977-78, Volume 655, pages 127-129 of Book-1, and Possession Certificate dated 22.07.1991 for Site No.29 & 30, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Srirampuram, Bangalore, in respect of site No.30, Situated at Kempapura Agrahara, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring (40X60) and the aforesaid Original Sale Deed was lost while shifting house to RPC layout, he has made best efforts in tracing the aforesaid document, but efforts were in vain. Further he lodged a police complaint on 21.03.2024 in this regarding, if anyone found this document, kindly contact at the office address given below.

Shivareddy. R, B.A., LLB,
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My client **Sri D.Venkatesh, S/o Dasachari,** residing at Vijayanagar, Bangalore intend to purchase the agriculture property bearing Sy. **No.40/2, to extent of 1 Acres 17 Guntas situated at Binnamangala Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Kundana Hobli, Bangalore Rural District, from its owner Sri Gangaraju .N. S/o Venkataramanappa Setty and Smt. Mala D.N. W/o Sri Gangaraju resident Arasinakunte Village.**

If any person/s or financial institutions having any claim, right, title and interest on the above property, they may file their objection along with supporting documents within **7 days** from today to the below mentioned address. After that the same shall be treated no claim whatsoever in respect of the schedule property.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
363.20 ▲	Sensex	74,014.55	₹930 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹69,530	₹600 ▲	1 kg	₹78,600	▲	Dollar	83.38
135.10 ▲	Nifty	22,462.00	₹150 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹56,950	₹6 ▲	10 gm	₹786	▼	Euro	89.88

'Make growth RBI's top priority next decade'

Rupee must be made accessible and acceptable globally, making markets less dependent on developments overseas

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank has to accord growth its "top most priority" even as it continues to maintain trust and stability of the financial system, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Monday, inaugurating the year-long celebrations of the 90th founding day of the central bank.

Addressing the gathering that included top industrialists such as N Chandrasekaran, Mukesh Ambani and Anand Mahindra and topnotch bankers like Dinesh Khara and a bevy of others, Modi said the next decade is as important for attaining the goal of a developed nation as it is for the RBI, which will be completing 100 years in 2035.

He said according to the mantra of the monetary authority, which is a full service central bank, "The RBI should make faster growth as its top most priority along with focusing on trust and stability (of the nation's financial markets)."

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) should make faster growth as its top most priority along with focusing on trust and stability (of the nation's financial markets) – Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

As the RBI prioritises growth as its top most goal over the next decade, it must ensure that rupee is made more accessible and acceptable globally and thus make our financial markets are less dependent on the developments overseas, he said. The economy grew at its fastest pace in the past six quarters in the December 2023 quarter, clipping at 8.4 percent--faster than the 6.6 percent estimated by economists, driven by robust manufacturing and construction activity. This has the government and RBI elevating their GDP forecasts to over 8 percent in the fiscal year to March 2024. Global rating agency Moody's expects the country to remain the fastest growing G-20 economies near term.

In her speech, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the role played by the RBI in managing inflation and growth and credited the bank on its institutional credibility.

Modi lauded RBI for its successful efforts at taming inflation despite the headwinds from the pandemic and the ongoing two wars. Since early 2016, inflation has become the primary goal of the Reserve Bank under the inflation targeting framework, which has led to the bank being able to contain inflation to near-target from being in double-digits.

The Prime Minister's focus on growth comes days ahead of the first monetary policy review of FY25 and in the midst of a blistering election season. The policy review is due on April 5. He said RBI, under the able-leadership of governor Shaktikanta Das, has helped his government take care of both financial prudence concerns as well as the requirements of the common man during the pandemic.

At a time when many countries of the world are still struggling to come out of the shocks delivered by the pandemic, our economy is creating new records, and is contributing as much as 15% of the incremental growth of the world economy now, Modi said. He said balancing inflation control and growth is a unique need for every developing country and urged everybody to study the right monetary tools to wrestle with this challenge. He called upon the RBI and the finance industry to become more self-reliance on the matters of finance and wants the RBI to take the pole position when it comes to the financial; markets and systems of the global south.

GST revenue at ₹1.78L cr in March, 2nd highest ever

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE gross goods and services tax (GST) revenue increased by 11.5% to record ₹1.78 lakh crore in the month of March, marking the second-highest collection ever since the indirect tax regime was implemented in 2017, according to the official data released on Monday.

The exceptional performance was primarily driven by a significant 17.6% increase in GST collection from domestic transactions. Additionally, GST revenue net of refunds increased to ₹1.65 lakh crore, showcasing an impressive 18.4% growth compared to the same period in the previous year.

"The average monthly collection for this financial year stands at ₹1.68 lakh crore, surpassing the previous year's average of ₹1.5 lakh crore," the statement said.

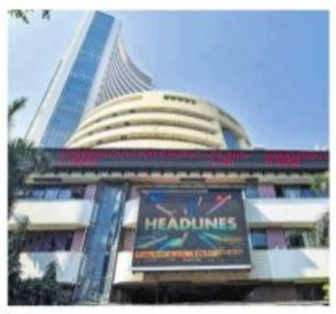
The central government's total goods and services tax revenue for the current financial year year stands at ₹20.14 lakh crore, reflecting an 11.7% increase from the prior year. The Centre expects the total goods and services tax revenue collected in the current financial year will amount to ₹20.14 lakh crore, reflecting an increase of 11.7% compared to the previous year.

Commenting on the GST numbers, Pratik Jain, Partner, PwC India, said, "The double-digit growth continues in monthly goods and services tax collections over the last year. With this trend, it will not be surprising if the target for FY25 is revised when the main Union Budget is presented after the formation of the new Government. Also, the collections, which are likely to be better in coming months, may pave the way for next wave of GST reforms including rate rationalisation."

"With the due date for issuance of Notices for FY18 over and recovery processes for FY19 to be closed soon, it appears that the GST authorities would continue their drive for GST recovery and the upward trend in collections may continue in near future," said Manish Mishra, Partner, JSA Advocates and Solicitors.

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex, Nifty hit fresh high on Day 1 of FY25



ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EQUITY markets began the new fiscal (FY25) on a bright note on Monday with the benchmarks – BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 -- scaling fresh record highs in intra-day trade before settling in the green with gains of about half a percentage each.

The 30-share pack Sensex jumped 363.20 points or 0.49% to settle at 74,014.55. During the day, it zoomed 603.27 points to hit its record intra-day high of 74,254.62. Nifty closed 135.10 points or 0.61% higher at 22,462. It had hit an all-time peak of 22,529.95 intraday. The broader indices outperformed the benchmark, wherein smallcap gained over 3% while midcap closed higher by 1.50%. Metal stocks rallied the most, owing to the swift pace of Chinese PMI data, indicating traction in the economic recovery.

"Indian market boarded on a strong trajectory at the onset of new financial year, with indications pointing towards a continuation of this favourable momentum, in near term. This confidence is supported by a global rally in expectation of a Fed rate cut in June and a healthy domestic earnings growth forecast in Q4FY24," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.

Gold glitters on Fed rate cut hope, China demand

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

DOMESTIC gold futures rose to all-time high of ₹69,487 per 10 grams on Monday on the back of possible rate cut from the US Federal Reserves and increased Chinese demand. Prices jumped 10% since January. Silver prices also jumped ₹1,120 to ₹78,570 per kilogram.

In Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) futures trade, the June contract of gold climbed to ₹68,679 per 10 grams and overseas spot COMEX climbed to $2,265.75 per ounce.

On the domestic front, 22 carat gold per 10 gram is priced at ₹63,750 in Delhi and at ₹64,550 in Chennai and ₹63,600 in Bengaluru. India's gold imports are set to plunge by more than 90% in March from the previous month to hit their lowest since the COVID pandemic, according to a Reuters report. The US reported a moderated inflation data signalling a June interest rate reduction by the Federal Reserve.

Monetary easing by the US Federal Reserves and other central banks, elevated conflict in Gaza and Ukraine, Chinese central bank adding up the gold reserves and increased appetite from young buyers in the country has contributed to the rally for the yellow metal.

"Further, major US data, including manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) to be released on Monday which will provide further direction for the Federal Reserve's monetary policy outlook," said Praveen Singh, Associate VP at Sharekhan BNP Paribas.

Gold has long been considered a hedge against inflation and since 1971 it has outpaced the US and world consumer price indices (CPI), World Gold Council said in its report on Monday.

"Gold also protects investors against high inflation. In years when inflation was between 2%- 5%, gold's price increased 8% per year on average. This number increased significantly with even higher inflation levels." Gold has helped capital grow, it said.

AV Birla group to demerge Madura from retail unit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

ADITYA BIRLA FASHION and Retail Monday decided to demerge it's subsidiary Madura Fashion & Lifestyle into a separate entity and take it public with a view to create two growth engines and help deploy capital more efficiently.

In a statement, the AV Birla group said the board of Aditya Birla Fashion has authorized the management to evaluate a vertical demerger of Madura Fashion from the former into a separate listed company.

Madura Fashion runs four lifestyle brands viz Louis Phillippe, Van Heusen, Allen Solly and Peter England along with casual wear brands American Eagle & Forever 21, sportwear brand Reebok and the innerwear business under Van Heusen. These businesses will now be demerged into a separate listed entity, the statement said without offering a timeline or a likely valuation. The company claimed that this portfolio currently has been delivering consistent revenue growth, profitability, strong free cash flows and high return on capital. But the statement didn't offer any numbers.

Post-demerger, ABFRL will focus on high-growth segments where there are tailwinds from a shift from unbranded to branded, premiumization, rise of super premium and luxury, and rapid growth in Gen Z focused digital first brands, it said.

Post-demerger ABFRL will consist of the value retail brands under Pantaloons and Style Up; the ethnic portfolios; the luxury segment under the Collective, Galleries Lafayette and a few select other luxury brands; apart from the digital brands under TMRW label.

Major regulatory changes from April 1 that may affect individuals

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

WITH April 1 marking the commencement of a new financial year, there comes revisions to various regulations. IRDAI has announced changes in policy surrender value, effective from April 1. As per the new rules, surrender values are expected to either remain same or decrease if policies are surrendered within three years of purchase. Surrendering policies between fourth and seventh year may result in a minor increase in the surrender value.

Under the new rules, specific percentages of total premiums will be paid out based on year of surrender. If a policy is surrendered during the second year, 30% of the total premiums will be paid. Surrendering a policy in the third year will lead to 35% of total premiums being paid out. For policies surrendered between the fourth and seventh year, 50% of total premiums will be paid. Surrendering in last two years will result in 90% of total premiums being paid out. In case of non-single premium life insurance policies, a guaranteed surrender value will be provided after consistent premium payments for at least two consecutive years.

From April 1, new regulation states when an individual switches jobs, their old Provident Fund (PF) balance will be automatically shifted to the new employer. Previously, despite holding a Universal Account Number (UAN), individuals had to undergo the process of requesting PF transfers. The default tax regime has shifted to the new regime. Opting out of old tax regime will result in automatic taxation under new regime. Income tax rules were amended from April 1, 2023. In the new tax regime, individuals earning up to ₹7 lakh annually are exempt from paying taxes.

An important change regarding FASTag has been implemented from April 1. NHAI's 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' initiative aims to deter the practice of using a single FASTag for multiple vehicles or linking multiple FASTags to one vehicle. Enhancing National Pension System (NPS) security, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has mandated a new security layer, two-factor Aadhaar-based authentication, for all password-based users accessing the CRA system starting April 1, 2024. This directive was highlighted in a circular dated March 15, 2024, by the PFRDA.

EXPRESS READ

CIL coal production grows 10% in FY24

NEW DELHI: Coal India Limited (CIL), country's largest coal miner, registered a growth of 10% in coal production to 773.6 million tonne (MT) of coal in FY 2024. Last year, the company produced 703.2 MT. In March 2024, the output stood at 88.6 million tonne, the highest ever in a month so far. The company also increased its supply significantly, it supplied 753.5 million tonne during FY24 logging 8.5% growth. In FY23, the supplies stood at 694.7 MT. *ENS*

IIT-Kanpur's Sandeep Jain FISME President

NEW DELHI: Sandeep Jain, an alumnus of IIT-Kanpur and an auto-component manufacturer, has been elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) for the term 2024-25. His appointment was unanimously approved during a meeting of the Central Executive Committee held in New Delhi, marking a significant transition from his prior role as the Vice President of FISME. *ENS*

IN TOP GEARS

Car sales hit new high at 42.3 lakh units in FY24

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ON the back of stellar popularity for sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and an uptick in rural demand, India's passenger vehicle (PV) industry registered cumulative sales of 42.3 lakh units in FY24 as against 38.9 lakh units sold in FY23, up 8.7% year-on-year.

This is the highest-ever sale achieved by the industry as well as by many original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in a single fiscal.

"This is the first time the PV industry has crossed the 4 million mark. This also makes India the third largest passenger vehiclemarket in the world, overtaking Japan and we did overtake Germany a year back," said Shashank Srivastava, Executive Committee Member of Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL) on Monday.

MSIL, the country's largest carmaker, sold 1,759,881 units of PV in the domestic market and its total sales (including exports, sales to OEMs and LCV sales) breached the 2 million mark for the first time in FY24.

Srivastava noted that the construct of the market is clearly in favour of SUVs as this segment's total contribution in FY24 sales was 50.4%, a jump from 43% last fiscal. The SUV segment grew by 28% in FY24 while the hatchbacks declined by 12%. He informed that MSIL's market share in the SUV segment increased from about 11% in FY23 to 21% in FY24. However, it was below MSIL's previous estimate of 25% Tarun Garg, chief operating officer of Hyundai Motor India (HMIL), said that SUV penetration in Hyundai's PV sales reached to highest level of 63% in FY24 as against 53% in FY23. Hyundai's domestic sales stood at 614,721 units in FY24, up 8.3% YoY.

Garg added that it will be difficult for the industry to repeat the high growth of FY24 as the industry is sitting on a very high base.

On the uptick in rural demand, Srivastava said that sales here grew by 11% while the urban growth was 7%. He noted that the industry estimates about 33-35% of sales may have come from rural India but for MSIL it is slightly higher at around 45%.

According to Srivastava, factors contributing to this are infrastructure development, normal monsoon and growth in per capita rural income.

Meanwhile, Mahindra & Mahindra wrapped up FY24 with its best-ever sales at 459,877 units, an increase of 28% YoY. Tata Motors sold 570,955 passenger vehicles in FY24.

Paytm denies layoffs; says focus on growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

PAYTM has refuted reports of layoffs and said such claims are not only unfounded but also misleading. The company's layoff news has been doing the rounds for some time now and the firm said that they are currently undergoing a routine annual appraisal process that involves thorough performance evaluations.

It is said this process might lead to role adjustments and that it is purely based on performance assessment and distinct from any layoff implications. In an official statement, Paytm said, "We deny any claims of layoffs within the company. Our focus continues to be on growth, innovation, and delivering seamless services. We urge stakeholders to rely on official communications for accurate information."

Byju's delays salaries; says will pay Mar due on Apr 8

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FOR three months now, cash-strapped edtech firm Byju's has been struggling to pay salaries to its employees.

The company has once again decided to hold off employees' salaries and said it will ensure that staff receive their March salary by April 8. Already, about 75% of employees are awaiting February month's full payment.

It made full payment to only 25% of employees and for the rest, it managed to pay only 60% of the salary. "We regret to inform you that there will again be a delay in disbursement of salaries. A few misguided foreign investors in Byju's have obtained an interim order in late February, which has restricted usage of the funds raised via successful rights issue. This irresponsible action by 4 foreign investors has compelled us to temporarily hold the disbursal of salaries until the restriction is lifted," the company's management said in an email to employees.

Byju's said they have full faith in Indian judicial system and that it is eagerly awaiting a favourable outcome that will enable the edtech firm to utilise the funds raised through the rights issue and alleviate the financial challenges that it is currently facing. "We have the necessary vote to increase the authorised capital for the rights issue. It means that once the restrictions on using the raised funds are lifted, we can meet all our salary commitments immediately," it added.

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No. PCB 206 INFRA EPH 2023/6536 **Date: 30/03/2024**

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed development of "Kudutini Industrial Area, Phase-2" in Kuduthini Village, Ballari Taluk & District by Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board scheduled on 02.04.2024 at 11.00 AM at the said project site has been postponed as per the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Ballari.

Sd/-
Member Secretary

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT NELAMANGALA

C. Misc. No. 73/2024

PETITIONER: 1. SRI. ASHWATHAIAH, S/o late Gangaiah, aged about 45 years and another, Both are R/at Konchenapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

-V/s-

RESPONDENT: The Thasildar, (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner's MOTHER by name MUNIYAMMA, Wife of Late Gangaiah was died on 10.02.2007 at Konchenahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **18-04-2024** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11:00 AM Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 01-04-2024.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial officer, court of the civil judge junior Division & JMFC at Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **DILIP KUMAR. B.A.**,
Basavanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA

C. MIS. No: 8/2024

Petitioners: 1. Sri. Lakshmana, Son of late. Gurappa, aged about 48 years, **2. Sri. Gurumurthy**, Son of late. Gurappa, aged about 46 years, **3. Sri. Muniyappa** Son of late.Gurappa, aged about 42 years All are residing at Sondekoppa Circle, Byraveshwara Nagar, Nelamangala -V/s-

Respondent: The Tehsildar, Registrar of Birth and Death Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore Rural District, Address of Respondent: The Tahsildar, Nelamangala Taluk.

NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners have filed the above case against you in C.MIS No: 8/2024 before 2nd Additional Civil Judge at Nelamangala to enter the date of death of petitioner's Father by name **Gurappa** son of Late Doddagurappa has died on 13-04-2021 at Petitioner's home Byraveshwara Nagar, Sondekoppa Circle, Nelamangala, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and to issue death certificate, Hence, the party mentioned herein is hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble court either personally or through a pleader on **30-04-2024 at 11:00 A.M.** your non appearance before this Hon'ble court on the said date will be treated as intentional and you will be placed experte and original case will be decided in your absence.

Give under my hand and seal of this Court on this 30-03-2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Petitioner Counsel: **Tharini .C.V**
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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Shaun Steven/ Faustina Natasha Gomez/ Flat No. 1006 Wembley Estate Rose Nood City Near Bautta City 2 Sector 49-50 Gurgaon -122018/ LBBNG00002356956	Schedule 'A' Property Item-I: ("E-City Town-Phase-I) All That Piece And Parcel of The Residentially Converted Properties Bearing Survey No.20/1, Measuring 0-33 Guntas, Survey No.21/2 Measuring 2 Acres 24 Guntas, Survey No.22/1 Measuring 2 Acres 03 Guntas, Survey No.30/16 Measuring 4 Acres 15 Guntas, Survey No.30/17 Measuring 0-03 Guntas, Survey No.21/3 Measuring 0-20 Guntas, Survey No.30/15 Measuring 0-20 Guntas And Measuring 0-12.3 Guntas, Totally Measuring 11 Acres And 10.3 Guntas. Situated At Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, Converted From Agricultural To Non Agricultural Residential Purposes By Official Memoraridu Bearing No. Aln (as)sr 83/2010-11 Dated 6.10.2010 And No. Alam (Ajisk 177/2007-08 Dated 18.11.2008. Item_II: ("E-City Town-phase-ii) All That Piece And Parcel of The Converted Lands Bearing Sy. No. 30/18measuring 0- 03 Guntas, 30/39 Measuring 0-03 Guntas, 30/41 Measuring 0-05 Guntas, 22/2 Measuring 1 Acre 29 Guntas, 20/2 Measuring 02 Acres 02 Guntas, 25/3 Measuring 0-08.4 Guntas, 18/1a Measuring 0-10.75 Guntas, 17/2 Measuring 1 Acre 24 Guntas, 18/3 Measuring 0-29.75 Guntas, 20/3 Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas 24/2 Measuring 0-22 Guntas, 24/4 Measuring 1 Acre 08 Guntas, 24/3 Measuring 0-20 Guntas, 16/1 1 Acre 04 Guntas, 21/3 Measuring 1 Acre 24 Guntas, 16/3 Measuring 0-09 Guntas, 16/4 Measuring 0-01 Guntas, 16/5 Measuring 0- 01 Guntas, 16/6 Measuring 0-01 Guntas, 15/4 Measuring 0-15 Guntas, 15/7 Measuring 0-06 Guntas, 15/9 Measuring 0-01.5 Guntas, 18/2 Measuring 0-32 Guntas All Situated At Thirupalya Village, Jiganihobli, Anekaltaluk, Bengaluru District, All Measuring 16 Acres & 32 Guntas. Composite Schedule of Item No-I and II Bounded By: Both The "E-City Town-Phase-i" And The "E- City Town-Phase-II Developed In Item- I And Item-II In The Schedule A Property Respectively Herein Form A Composite Project And The Same Is Bounded On The: East: Private Property West: Private Property North: Private Property South : Road. Schedule 'B' Property Undivided Share Equivalent To 269 Sq. Ft Right And Interest In The Schedule-A Property Mentioned Above. Schedule 'C' Property A 2 Bhk Residential Apartment/ flat Bearing Unit No C354 On Third Floor of The Residential Complex Known As "E-City Town-Phase- I & Phase 2" Having A Super Built Up Area of 755 Sq Ft., (which Is Inclusive of The Flooring, Ceiling And Walls Between The Apartments And Proportionate Share In All Common Areas) Bearing Khatha No 6/531/78/3rd F/c354 With One Covered Car Parking. The Said Apartment Has Vitrified Flooring, Hard Wood Doors And Aluminum Windows.	20.02.2024 Rs. 18,94,712.00/-	04/12/ 2023
2.	Jagmohan Bhutada/ Archana Bhutada/ Seema Bhutada/ Flat No 604 Block 6 Sobha Dew Flower Apts Sarakki Main Road J P Nagar Bangalore - 560078/ LBBNG00003024250	Property: 1 Schedule A of Property All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Municipal Katha No. 1208/7,9,13 (Carved Out of Land Being Portions of Survey No.7,9, And 13 of Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) Measuring 8,26,006.50 Sq.ft., Which Is Bounded On: East By: Private Property In Sy. No.10 & 11 & Entry & Exit Way West By : Remaining Land of Sy. No. 13 And 7 North By : Private Property- Remaining Land of Sy. No.7 And 9 South By: Private Property - Sy. No1 5 Schedule "B" Property All That Piece And Parcel of Such Extent of Undivided Right, Title And Interest Out of The Schedule-a Property Mentioned Above, Proportionate To The Super Built-up Area of 1285 Square Feet As Shown In Schedule C Property Schedule C Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Apartment No.707. Now Bbmp Katha No.1208/7,9,13/707, Situated In The Building-j. Seventh Floor In The Residential Apartment Building Called "Mantri Tranquil" Constructed In Schedule A Property Situated At Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bbmp Ward No. 184, Bangalore, Measuring About 1285 Sq.ft., Super Built-up Area, With One Car Parking Slot Along With Common Rights In Respect of Common Areas And Amenities The Schedule C Property Is of Vitrified Flooring And Has Got The Amenities of Water, Electricity And Sanitation. Property: 2 Schedule A of Property All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Municipal Katha No.1208/7,9,13 (Carved Out of Land Being Portions of Survey No.7,9,and 13 Of Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) Measuring 3b,26,006.50 Sq.ft., Which Is Bounded On: East By: Private Property In Sy. No.10 & 11 And Entry And Exit Way West By : Remaining Land of Sy. No. 13 And 7 North By : Private Property - Remaining Land of Sy. No.7 And 9 South By: Private Property - Sy. No15 Schedule "B" Property All That Piece And Parcel Of Such Extent Of Undivided Right, Title And Interest Out of The Schedule-a Property Mentioned Above, Proportionate To The Super Built-up Area of 1285 Square Feet As Shown In Schedule C Property. Schedule "c" Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Apartment No.708, Now Bbmp Katha No.1208/7,9,13/708, Situated In The Building-j, Seventh Floor In The Residential Apartment Building Called "mantri Tranquil" Constructed In Schedule A Property Situated At Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bbmp Ward No. 184, Bangalore, Measuring About 1285 Sq.ft., Super Built-up Area, With One Car Parking Slot Along With Common Rights In Respect of Common Areas And Amenities. The Schedule C Property Is Of Vitrified Flooring And Has Got The Amenities of Water, Electricity And Sanitation	13.02.2024 Rs. 59,70,516.00/-	11/12/ 2023
3.	Manjunath U R/ U.P. Ramesh/ No. 30 Lakshmi Nivas Avalahalli Opp Abhaya Anjaneya Temple, Bangalore Karnataka Bangalore - 560026/ LBBNG00003283742/ LBBNG00003283744	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Municipal Assessment No.11864/231 (Measuring 30x68) Ft, Southern Portion of Measuring East To West 52 Ft, North To South 20½ Ft, Along With Roofed House, Situated At Chikkamangaluru Nagar Uppalli Ward No.13, And Bounded On:- North: U.P. venkatesh's Property, South: Common Passage. East: Shanthamma's Property, West: Municipal Road,	06.02.2024 Rs. 36,73,228.00/-	09/12/ 2023
4.	Swetha Jayaprakash/ Sheela B/No.407, 1st Floor Saraswathinagar 17th Cross, Vijayanagar Bangalore-560040/ LBBNG00004920945	Schedule 'A' Property All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Sy Nos. 30, 31 & 32, Measuring 13 Acre 01 Guntas, Situated At Adigarakallaballi, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Within The Revenue Jurisdiction of Bmrda, Bangalore, In The Project Called As 'la-Ville Township', And Bounded On,: North By: Survey No 28 And 29, South By: Survey No 47 East By: Survey No 142 And 145 West By: Survey No 177. Schedule 'B' Property All The Piece And Parcel of Residential Plot Bearing No.51, Having E Khatha No. 150200102700422474 No. 248/51 Being Residential Lands Measuring East To West 21.330 Mts North To South 9.140 Mts, In All Measuring 194.96 Sq. Mtrs In The Schedule 'A' Property Situated At Adigarakallahalli, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban And Bounded On East By: Park West By: Road North By: Site No.52 South By: Site No. 50	23.02.2024 Rs. 94,86,709.00/-	03/01/ 2024
5.	Imran Khan/ Naziya Khanum/24 3rd Main Bismilla Nagar Bg Road Bismilla Nagar, Bangalore- 560029/ LBBNG00004926334	Schedule A of Property All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing New B.B.M.P Katha No. 3 (Earlier No.1/2, Bite Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 37, 64, 65, 66, & 67), Totally Measuring 20639 Square Feet, Situated At 3rd Cross, 7th Main Road, New Gurappanapalya, Between Bannerghatta Road And Maruthi Co-operative Society Layout, Within The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Gurappanapalya Ward No. 64, Pid No. 64-69-3, Bangalore, Bounded On The: East By: Road West By: Pyramid Apartments North By : Private Property South By: Road 'B' Schedule Property Above Referred To Undivided Share, Right, Titles And Interest In The 'A' Schedule Property, Which Is Equivalent To 630 Square Feet. The 'C' Schedule Flat Above Referred To (apartment Hereby Conveyed) Flat No. 101, In The First Floor of The Residential Apartment Building Known As "sunshine Apartments" Constructed On The 'A' Schedule Property Hereto Above With A Super Built Area of 1455 Square Feet Together With One Covered Car Parking In The Basement Floor Having Rcc Roof, Vitrified Tiles And Consisting of A Hall, Dining Hall, Living Room, 3 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, Toilet, Etc., And With Common Right To Stair Case And Lift From The Ground Floor Up To Terrace And All Other Common Areas.	13.02.2024 Rs. 39,73,531.00/-	07/12/ 2023
6.	D Shreyas Narasimha/ M V Padma/ GF 9 Sumukha Paradise 1st Main 5th Cross Beml Rajarajeshwarinagar Halagevaderahalli Village Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Bangalore - 560058/ LBBNG00005109605/ LBBNG00005344239	Schedule of Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Flat Bearing No. Gf-9, Constructed In The Ground Floor of The Residential Condominium Called As "sumukha Enclave". Situated At Halagevaderahalli Village. Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Bangalore, Which Locality Is Presently Addressed As 1 Main, 5th Cross. Beml 5th Stage. Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 098. Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore. Which Is Coming Under The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. Measuring 1110 Sq.ft of Super Built Up Area With 255 Sq.ft of Undivided Right. Title. Interest, Share In The Land Comprehending The Aforesaid Flat Along With One Covered Car Parking Slot In The Basement. Further Together With Right To Common Amenities, Common Facilities And Common Areas.	12.02.2024 Rs. 15,21,292.00/-	03/11/ 2023
7.	Devanand K Pandith/ Sunithadevi/ Flat No. 307 Mahaveer Aspen Aptno 38 Yela Chenahalli Kanakapuramain Road J P Nagar Postr Bangalore - 560078/ LBBNG00005113590	Schedule A of Property Item No. 1 All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Residential Property Bearing Vacant Site Nos. 4, 5, Formed Out of Converted Sy. Nos. 53/1, 53/3 & 53/4, [converted From Agricultural To Non-agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order No. Aln: (Nay) Sr: 169/2014-15, Dated 16/11/2015, Issued By Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore), Situated At Mediagrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East To West: (53+50)/2 Feet, North To South: 60-0 Feet, Total Measuring 3090 Sq.ft. Bounded As Follows: East By : 40' Main Road; West By: Site Nos. 13 & 14; North By : Site No. 3; South By : Site No. 6: Item No. 2 All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Residential Property Bearing Vacant Site Nos. 13, 14, Formed Out Of Converted Sy. Nos. 53/1, 53/3 & 53/4, [converted From Agricultural To Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order No. Aln: (Nay) Sr: 169/2014-15, Dated 16/11/2015, Issued By Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore), Situated At Mediagrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East To West: 40-0 Feet, North To South: 60-0 Feet, Total Measuring 2400 Sq.ft. Bounded As Follows: East By : Site No. 4,5; West By: Road; North By Site No. 15; South By : Site No. 12:	13.02.2024 Rs. 47,52,033.00/-	04/12/ 2023
8.	G V Sathyanarayana/ K R Nandini/ C S Dhanush/ Sri Lakshmi Nivasa No. 1563/af 7 Cross Opposite Kote Anjaneya Temple Kuvempu Nagar Channapatna- 562160/ LBBNG00005125834/ LBBNG00005728188/ LBBNG00005350763	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering Schedule II Part A Description of Properties All That Piece And Parcel of The Land And Building Property Bearing No. 10-1-515-1A, Property Old No. 1563/f1-4, Assessment No. 2859/1-4, Situated At Ward No. 10, 1A North Cross Road, Block-1, (Anjaneyaswamy Temple Street, Kote), Channapatna. Measuring E-w: (20.12+14.94)/2 Meter & N-s: 17.68 Meter Thereon Together With All Existing Buildings And Structures Thereon And Buildings And Structures As May Be Erected/constructed There Upon Any Time From/after The Date of Respective Mortgages And All Additions Thereto And All Fixtures And Furniture's And Plant And Machinery Attached To The Earth or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth, Both Present And Future, And Bounded On:- North: Road South: Property No. 10-1-507-7A East: Property No. 10-1-507-9. West: Conservancy Galli.	20.02.2024 Rs. 1,98,47,016.00/-	03/01/ 2024
9.	Deepakkumar Poovaiah Bollimada/ Cauvery Mathranda Thammaiah/ K T Sai Serenity Apartment, Flat No. 303 3rd Floor Near Jmr Ross Apartment Bangalore-560100/ LBBNG00005528126/ LBBNG00005532038	Schedule 'A' (Schedule 'A' Property Hereinbefore Referred To Description of The Entire Land On Which The Building Project) "K&T's Sai Serenity" Is Constructed Item No.1 Belongs To 1st Vendor:- All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.10, Formed In Converted Sy. No. 95/1 Converted Vide Conversion Order No ALN/SR(S)/319/2002-03, Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Dated: 21.01.2003, Village Panchayath Katha No. 315, E-Khatha Bearing No.150200301100100798, Property No.665/10/315, of Doddathoguru Village, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South Eastern Side 57 1/2 Feet, Western Side 55 1/2 Feet Totally Measuring 1695 Sq.ft Situated At Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Bounded On: East By: Site No.9 West By: Site No.11 North By : Private Property South By: Road. Item No. 2 Belongs To 2nd Vendor:- All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.11, Formed In Converted Sy. No. 95/1 Converted Vide Conversion Order No. ALN/SR(S) /319/2002-03, Office Of The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Dated: 21.01.2003, Village Panchayath Katha No.315, E-Khatha Bearing No.150200301100100801, Property No.668/11/315, of Doddathoguru Village, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South Eastern Side 55 1/2 Feet, Western Side 52 Feet Totally Measuring 1612.5 Sq.ft Situated At Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And Bounded On: East By: Site No. 10 West By: Site No. 12, North By: Private Property South By: Road Item No. 3 Belongs To 3rd Vendor:- All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.12, Formed In Converted Sy. No. 95/1 Converted Vide Conversion Order No Aln/sr (s)/319/2002-03, Office Of The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Dated: 21.01.2003, Village Panchayath Katha No.315, E-khatha Bearing No.150200301100100802, Property No.669/12/315, Of Doddathoguru Village, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South Eastern Side 52 Feet, Western Side 49 Feet Totally Measuring 1515 Sq.ft Situated At Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Bounded On: East By : Site No. 11 West By : Site No. 13, North By: Private Property South By : Road Comprising Schedule: All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.10, 11 & 12, Formed In Converted Sy. No. 95/1 Converted Vide Conversion Order No.aln/sr (s)/319/2002-03, Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Dated: 21.01.2003, Village Panchayath Katha No. 315, E-Khatha No.150200301100100798, Property No.665/10/315, No.150200301100100801, Property No.668/11/315 & No.150200301100100802, Property No.669/12/315 of Doddathoguru Village, Measuring Totally Measuring 4822.5 Sq.ft Situated At Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Bounded On: East By : Site No. 9 West By: Site No.13 North By: Private Property South By : Road Schedule 'b' (Schedule 'B' Property Hereinbefore Referred To Property Agreed To Be Sold And Conveyed To The Purchaser By The Vendor Under This Agreement To Sell) Apartment No. 303, Having A Super Built Up Area of 1025 Square Feet (2 Bhk) On The Third Floor In The Building Project Known "K&T's Sai Serenity™ Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Property Above Referred To With One Covered Four Wheeler Parking Space In The Stilt Floor Bearing No. 303 Together With Proportionate 216 Square Feet Undivided Share of Land In The Schedule 'A' Property (The "K&T's Sai Serenity Apartment"), Along With The Right To Use And Enjoy All Other Common Areas, Amenities And Facilities Available For The Benefit of All The Apartment Owners In The Said Building Project And Bounded On: East By: Open To Sky And Site No: 9 West By: Open Duct And Flat No: 304 North By : Common Corridor And Flat No.301: South By: Road.	20.02.2024 Rs. 37,29,326.00/-	28/01/ 2024
10.	Mustani Vemanarayana/ Gota Roopesh Kumar/ No. 3 No. 149 2nd Floor Sri Krupa 11th Main 18th Cross 7th Sector Hsr Layout Bangalore Bangalore - 560102/ LBBNG00005996642	Schedule 'A' Property (Description of The Entire Property) All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Residential Property Bearing Site Nos.4 & 5, Khatha No.1/1, Situated At Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (B.B.M.P), Ward No.186 - Jaraganahalli, Measuring East To West: 60'0" (Sixty) Feet snd North To South: 50'0" (fifty) Feet, Totally Measuring 3000 Square Feet, Together With All Rights, Appurtenances, Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface. And Bounded On The: East By: Site No.3, West By: Site No.6, North By: Road, South By : Site Nos. 10 & 11. Schedule 'B' Property (Description of The Undivided Share Hereby Sold And Conveyed) 245 Sq.ft of Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest In The Land Comprising In Schedule 'A' Property Mentioned Above. Schedule 'c' Property (Description of The Apartment Hereby Sold And Conveyed) A Two Bedrooms Apartment Bearing Flat No.102, Present Bbmp Khatha No.245/128/124/1/124/4/ff-102, In The First Floor Measuring 950 Sq.ft of Super Built Up Area With Vitrified Tiles Flooring, With One Covered Car Parking Slot On The Stilt Floor Be The Part of Multistoried Residential Complex Known As "Padmavathi Pendents" Constructed On The Schedule 'a' Property Along With One Half Part In Depth of The Joints Between The Ceiling of The Apartments And The Floor Of The Space Above It And Internal And External Walls Such Level As With Concealed Wiring With Proportionate Share In Common Access And Areas of The Building Like Entrance Foyer, Common Corridors In All Floors, Staircases, Including Landing Up To The Terrace, Machine Room, Housing And Lift Machineries of Passenger Elevator Along With Necessary Cabin, Winches And Motor Etc., Pump Sets, Houses In Pump Room Along With Necessary Valves, Starters Etc., And Common Areas Electrical Systems.	23.02.2024 Rs. 51,00,579.00/-	08/01/ 2024
11.	Pradeep Acharya/ Bhagyalakshmi/ Vishnumoorthi Acharya/ Prashantha/ Vadanth Acharya/ No. 4-56 (1) Yashodamma Nr Prakruthi Life Science Pvt Ltd Kunjal Neelavar Post and Village Udupi- 576216/ LBMNG00005181075	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated In Neelavara Post And Village of Brahmavara Taluk, Udupi District Within Neelavara Village Panchayath And Within Registration Sub District of Brahmavara & Comprised In: (Pid No. 152600300900191415 As Per Form 9 & 11a) Sy. No./s.d No.78/31, Kissam-converted, Extent A.c. 0-12 (485 Sq.mtrs) Containing House Bearing D.no.4- 56(1) Measuring 158 Sq.mtrs Ground Floor 84.00 Sq.mtrs And First Floor 74.00 Sq.mtrs Together With All Other Mamool Easementary Rights Appurtenant Thereto, Including The Right Of Water, Pathway Etc. North:sub Division Line South: Sub Division Line East:sub Division Line West: Sub Division Line	14.02.2024 Rs. 28,70,648.00/-	04/12/ 2023
12.	Hameed Pasha/ Mohammed Ibrahim/ 388/A, M E S Road Muthyalanagar Bangalore North Msrit Bangalore Bangalore- 560054/ TBBNG00006490437	Schedule Property: (Description of The Property Hereby Sold And Conveyed) All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Residential Property Being A Vacant Site Bearing No.118 (one Hundred And Eighteen), In Khatha Nos. 25, 26 & 27, Situated At Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Now The Property Comes Under The Administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (B.B.M.P), Bengaluru, Ward No.160- Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Together With All Rights, Appurtenances, Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface. Measuring:- East To West : 60-0 (Sixty) Feet North To South: 40-0 (Forty) Feet Totally Measuring : 2400 Square Feet Bounded On:- East By: Property No. 125, West By : Road, North By : Property No. 119, South By: Property No. 117.	23.02.2024 Rs. 1,54,25,777.00/-	03/01/ 2024
13.	Yellappareddy Pillagurammа Arunkumar/ G Maheshwari/ Flat No. 417 21st Cross 7th Main 2nd Sector H S R Layout Paragipalya Bus Stop Bangalore - 560102/ LBBNG00005126136/ LBBNG00005984340/ LBBNG00005343667/ LBBNG00005233037	Property Schedule All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation Old No.363, New No.361/24, situated at 7th Cross Road, Wilson Garden Bangalore - 560 027, together with construction thereon. Measuring East to West :80 Feet North to South :50 Feet Totally measuring 4000 Square feet Bounded on the: East by : 7th Cross Road West by : Property No.376 North by : Property No.364 South by : Property No.362	07.03.2024 Rs. 5,34,02,641.00/-	04/12/ 2023
14.	Shuaib Ali/ Nagama Begum/1371 Cement Road 2nd Cross Kolar Dargah Shahi Near Clock Tower Kolar- 563101/ LBKLR00005243601	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That The Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Sas No.1455/340/22/18 Sub, Having Pid No.16-2-531-439, Situated At Ward No.16, Block-02, 4th B Cross Road, No.439, Kolar, Measuring East To West:12.192024 Meters & North To South:9.144018 Meters, In All Measuring 111.4836 5q. Meters And The Property Is Bounded On The; North:property Belongs To Tabrez Pasha; South: Property Belongs To C.m.babu. East:property Belongs To Syed Ehasanulia; West: 20.0 Feet Mud Road;	14.02.2024 Rs. 36,06,869.00/-	04/12/ 2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : April 02, 2024
Place : Bangalore & Kolar

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/01 -2024-25

CORRIGENDUM NO.1

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Extended due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0509/0324 **[RFX.No.5000001209]** (Two Bid System) **Procurement of 400KV, 125MVAr, 3-Φ Bus Reactor along with Surge Arrestor & New Uninhibited Naphthenic Based High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil** **Note:-** Clause No. 11.0 i.e. Turnover Criteria of Section-III i.e. Qualifying Requirements in respect of Subject e-Tender is partially Amended as under- **"Total Tender Quantity under Column No. 4 of Table shall be read as 04 Nos."**	29.04.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. 29.04.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr.P&C)
Tel. No. : 022- 69852717/69852711/08329909813
Email: eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp5@mahatransco.in.
For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India
A Government of India Undertaking

BRANCH-BANNERGHATTA ROAD
No.138 & 139/1, ICE- Queen's Amber Building, Gr Floor, Arekere MICO Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India (secured Creditor)** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor: Union Bank of India, Branch-Bannerghatta Road, No.138 & 139/1, ICE- Queen's Amber Building, Gr Floor, Arekere MICO Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1. Mrs. Vanaja K W/o Babu R/o. No. E 1/19, Puttamma Vatara, Tilak Road, Doddagowdanapalya, Subramanayapura , Bangalore-560061. **2. Mr. Satish Kumar B** S/o Babu, R/o. No. E 1/19, Puttamma Vatara, Tilak Road, Doddagowdanapalya, Subramanayapura , Bangalore-560061. **3. Mrs Sumithra** W/o B E Sukumar, R/o. No.18, 5th Main, Subramanyapura Main Road, Appayyaswamy Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061.

Amount due: Rs.18,81,767.89/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Eighty Nine Paise only) as on 30.08.2023 with further interest, cost & expenses.

Schedule Property in the name of Mr.s Vanaja K

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 37/2, situated at Kadirenahalli Village, Gowdanapalya, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within limits of BBMP Ward No. 55, measuring East to West: 31 feet and North to South: 23 feet, in all 713 Sq. Ft. and bounded as follows: East by: Property belongs to Kamalamma, West by: Road, North by: Property of Sri Vajrappa and Rajappa, South by: Property belongs to Sri Murthy.

Reserve Price : Rs. 42,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.4,20,000/-
(Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) (10% of Reserve Price)
Date and Time of E-Auction: 16.04.2024 @ 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction,
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Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 01.04.2024 **Union Bank of India.**

AXIS BANK Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.**, under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.**, for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Sumit Saha S/o Arup Saha, # No 802, Block 1, Wing A Suncity Gloria, Sarjapura Road, Varthur Doddakannahalli, Carmeharam, Bangalore 560035. **Also At: Mr. Sumit Saha** S/o Arup Saha, #102/4, N S Road, A B Garden, Schedraphuly Hoogal, Hooghly, Calcutta 712223. **Also At: Mr. Sumit Saha** S/o Arup Saha, Business Development Manager, West Unified Communications India Pvt Ltd, RMZ Titanium No 135, 1st Floor, Airport Road, Kodihalli, Bangalore 560017 **(Borrower/Mortgager). 2) Mrs. Amindita Saha** D/o Arun Kumar Sinha, #No.802, Block 1, Wing A Suncity Gloria, Sarjapura Road, Varthur Doddakannahalli, Carmeharam, Bangalore-560035. **Also At: Mrs. Amindita Saha** D/o Arun Kumar Sinha, Khalulbell Main, 1st Gate, Mukta Mancha Abasan, Burdwan, Kolkatta-713101 **(Co Applicant).**

Loan A/c No : PHR000903132316

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.18,92,764/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four Only) being the amount due as on 03.04.2023 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 03.04.2023 **Possession Notice Dated : 30.03.2024**

Details of mortgaged property: All that Piece and Parcel of the Plot No.493 Sy No.33/2 Sai Metro city Uttarahalli Bangalore Measuring 1876 sq ft and Bounded as follows East By: 9.0 M Road, West By: Site Bearing No.492, North By: Site Bearing No 494, South By: 12.0 M Road.

For Further clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy 9036773553

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. Dileep Appanna S/o P K Kariappa, # 29, Chandramma Layout, 1st Cross, Near Water Tank, Banaswadi, Bangalore 560043. **Also At: Mr. Dileep Appanna** S/o P K Kariappa, Sri Kaveri Opposite PNM Hospital, Gonikoppa, Kodagu 561213. **Also At: Mr. Dileep Appanna** S/o P K Kariappa, Assistant Category Manager, Food Wired Morixs Ltd, # 740, Eshwari Industrial Estate, Gate No 7, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560076 **(Borrower/Mortgager). 2) Mrs. Mamatha** W/o Dileep Kumar, #29, Chandramma Layout, 1st Cross, Near Water Tank, Banaswadi, Bangalore 560043. **Also At: Mrs. Mamatha** W/o Dileep Kumar, Sri Kaveri Opposite PNM Hospital, Gonikoppa, Kodagu 561213. **Also At: Mrs. Mamata** W/o Dileep Kumar, Senior Associate, Manpower Services India Pvt Ltd, Prestige Residency, Unit 101, Richmond Circle, Bangalore 560025 **(Co Applicant/Guarantor).**

Loan A/c No : PHR000900458000

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs 13,62,441 /- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty One Only) being the amount due as on 14.07.2023 and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 14.07.2023 **Possession Notice Dated : 30.03.2024**

Details of mortgaged property: SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.S-3, 2nd Floor, Sahasra Pride, Sy No 119/1 Khata No 15, Muncipal No.15, 1st Cross, Rajanna Layout Horamavu Agara Village K R Puram Bangalore Measuring 1139 sq ft and Bounded as follows: East By: Property No.119/2, West By: Private Property, North By: Road, South By: Property No 119/4 & 119/5.

For Further clarification please contact Mr Thrimoorthy 9036773553

Date : 30.03.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank**

Nagal attains career-high ATP ranking of 95

Ace Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal on Monday achieved a career-high ranking of 95 in the ATP singles chart, following impressive results in recent times. His previous best was 97 in February, which he had attained after winning the Chennai Open, an ATP Challenger series event.

Royals keep winning on day of mixed emotions

Boult, Burger trigger collapse before Chahal 3/11 helps RR go top

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Pacer Trent Boult celebrates the wicket of Rohit Sharma (not in pic) | SPORTZPICS

WHILE Mumbai Indians' first home game of the season was on the radar for various reasons, on the field, it was always going to be about one key contest within the contest: Trent Boult versus Mumbai Indians' top-order batters.

Boult, after all, is one of the best new-ball bowlers in the world. The left-arm pacer has taken 55 powerplay wickets in the Indian Premier League in 91 innings. That is one wicket in the first six overs for every 23 balls he bowls.

On Monday at the Wankhede Stadium, it took only five for him to open his account. Rohit Sharma, who has gotten out nine times to left-arm pace in the powerplay, nicked a perfect outswinger on his first delivery. If that was not enough, Naman Dhir, the No. 3, was trapped on the pads in the final delivery of the first over. Another first ball duck, with the hosts 1/2.

More than the mixed reactions — sections of crowd booing significantly — he got at the toss, Hardik Pandya would have been more worried looking at the scoreboard. However, worse was to come. While Ishan Kishan faced the next seven deliveries, Dewald Brevis, the quickest Impact Player substitute in the history of the league, pushed at a wide delivery from Boult and was caught at short third-man. The smiling assassin was having the kind of day where nothing could go wrong. Two overs, four runs, three wickets.

Feeling a bit of FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) at the other end, Nandre Burger, the other left-arm pacer, joined the party, sending back Ishan Kishan. With four wickets gone, Pandya, once again, walked in to a big boo from the crowd. None of this should come as a surprise though. It is the venue where Virat Kohli was booed in the past. Heck, even the greatest the city has produced — Sachin Tendulkar — was once booed in a Test during the pre-IPL era.

Pandya, seemingly calm despite all the noise, crunched Burger over point and then through covers to pick up consecutive boundaries. The cheers followed as Tilak Varma, at the other end, went after Avesh Khan as MI slowly moved to 59/4 after seven overs. By that time both Boult and Burger had completed three overs each. Boult — 14/3 and Burger 31/1.

The stage was set for Pandya to write his redemption story with Mumbai Indians.

It seemed like he might as well with a late cut against Yuzvendra Chahal, and another through cover against R Ashwin. However, Chahal had other ideas, sending back Pandya for 34 runs. Chahal took two more (3/11) before Boult came back and finished with 22/3 in four overs. Burger bowled the 19th over, dismissing Tim David as MI posted 125/9. In reply, Riyan Parag scored an unbeaten fifty, taking RR to a six-wicket victory. As a result, Royals go to top of the points table.

At a venue where runs are scored for fun, where MI have a W/L ratio of 1.7, Boult and Burger played the oldest trick there is before Chahal took over. **Brief scores:** MI 125/9 in 20 ovs (Pandya 34; Boult 3/22, Chahal 3/11) vs RR 127/4 in 15.3 ovs (Parag 54 n.o; Akash 3/20).

Had chills when Pant came out to bat: Hope

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

WHEN Rishabh Pant walked in at the fall of David Warner's wicket in the first game against Punjab Kings, Shai Hope, the other batter in the middle, experienced 'chills'.

"I was there when he walked out to bat and it gave me chills to see how the crowd reacted," he tells this daily. "It was an away game for us but to see that... it's great to see that he has recovered from that incident. Hopefully he can go from strength to strength and show the world what Pant has to offer."

Hope, who made his Indian Premier League (IPL) debut in that game, takes this daily inside the franchise dressing room on the morning of Pant's return to competitive cricket. "It was great, anytime you have a guy like him in the set-up, the mood is lifted thanks to his positive energy and the kind of character he is. I'm really happy to see him out there; it means a lot to cricket and Capitals."

Even otherwise, the 30-year-old was compelled to talk about the atmosphere. "It could have been better if we had won the game," he says. "But it was a really good experience (with the debut). Feeling the atmosphere, it's completely different to seeing it on TV. It was nice to get out and see what it's like."

He was also fairly intimate with what the team management has told Hope this year. "Be yourself, there's a reason why you are here. Be who you are as a batter or as a bowler." In the first game, he was sandwiched between two ultra aggressive openers (David Warner and Mitchell Marsh) and Pant. Does that mean his role is that of an anchor? "You have to assess the conditions," he said. "How you play depends on the situation of the game. Those guys are quality batters and to have them at the top, any bowler seeing them at the crease would give us an edge. It's good to have such qualities. Hopefully the experience translates to solid runs and solid wins for the team."

Speaking about team, when the conversation veered towards West Indies, Hope called the upcoming T20 World Cup at home a 'great occasion'. "It's a really big occasion for all of us, we have been playing well. I think we have won three of the last four series. All the players have been really putting the work. Hopefully, we can take in the momentum of the last few months into the World Cup and become the first team to win at home, that will be something (while Hope refused to divulge the plans the board has for the selected players, don't be surprised if they fly back for a small camp before the tournament begins).

The Barbadian is at a unique vantage point when speaking about the sport in the Caribbean. Appointed as the 50-over skipper last year and with a new backroom staff to boot, he calls getting back up the ladder of world cricket 'a challenging process. "It's exciting to be part of what's hopefully going to be a change in West Indies cricket from an ODI point of view," he says. "We know the struggles that we have had for the last few years. Now, we just try to find ways to that improvement going. It's always great to have a speedy turnover but sometimes, you have got to accept the fact that everything doesn't happen overnight. You have to stay the course and keep finding ways to improve. We have to do that from top and from the bottom. Contributing to that I think is the biggest thing for me. Just find ways to help. Blessed to have the role. We can't expect to become No. 1 overnight but the faster we can improve and the more consistent we can be with that improvement, we can see that the rankings will go up. It's all about finding the best processes."

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> — Shai Hope on Shamar Joseph

The emergence of Shamar Joseph, who so thrillingly destroyed Australia in Brisbane in January, will help. "That was amazing," Hope, who is more than willing to play red-ball cricket for the West Indies again (his last match was in 2021), says. "To see him do that in his first series, he can continue in the same way. If he can stay injury free, we have more of Shamar to see and that can only be a good thing."

EXPRESS READ

Advani retains CCI billiards crown

MUMBAI: World champion Pankaj Advani continued his impressive run as he thrashed Englishman David Causier 1836-743 in a lop-sided final to retain the All India CCI Billiards Classic title here on Monday. Advani was in outstanding form as he constructed two breaks of 801 and 460 to outwit Causier, a former 10-time World champion.

National Esports C'ships from April 18

NEW DELHI: The National Esports Championships (NESC) will start on April 18, the Esports Federation of India (ESFI) announced on Monday. The NESC will provide a platform for players across India to demonstrate their prowess in DOTA 2 (Open), eFootball (Open), and Counter-Strike 2 in the open and female categories.

Natl Eventing: Asthana crowned champion

NEW DELHI: Sthavi Asthana won title in the individual category at the National Eventing Championship. It is his second successive podium finish in the two-legged Nationals, having finished third in the first leg. Ashish Malik came second spot before his joy was doubled after earning a podium finish in the team event, finishing third.

IPL ROUND-UP

KKR's home match against RR on Apr 17 set to be rescheduled due to Ram Navami

KOLKATA: Kolkata Knight Riders' home IPL match against Rajasthan Royals on April 17 is set to be rescheduled after the local police expressed its inability to provide adequate security due to Ram Navami celebrations on that day, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) has informed the BCCI. Bengal is also set to vote on April 19 in the first phase of the seven-phase general elections. The voting in Kolkata will take place on June 1.

BCCI invites IPL owners for informal meet

NEW DELHI: The BCCI has invited owners of the 10 IPL teams for an informal meeting in Ahmedabad on April 16 and there could be discussions on potential increase in auction purse for the franchises and player retention. The meeting will take place on the sidelines of the game between Delhi Capitals and Gujarat Titans at the Narendra Modi Stadium. "The IPL owners have been invited for an informal meeting. There is no set agenda. Since IPL will be into its second month, it will be a good time for all stake-holders to get together," a BCCI official told PTI.

FOCUS ON VIRAT, KL

With Royal Challengers Bengaluru taking on Lucknow Super Giants, a look...

Rahul as IP

While KL Rahul played as an Impact Player in Lucknow's previous game, it will be interesting to see if the trend continues. And more importantly, what kind of impact it has on the pace at which he bats.

Kohli vs Bishnoi

While Virat Kohli continues to score runs, there is not much change in the way he has batted from the past. At times, it can become a high-risk approach as it turned out to be against Kolkata. Will he be able to get a bit more aggressive, especially against someone like Ravi Bishnoi?

EYES ON RCB BOWLERS

As has been the case in the past, RCB's problem lies with their bowling and it has reflected this season as well. That they did not do well in the auction apart, it all comes down to how they adapt going forward.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru **vs** Lucknow Super Giants, Bengaluru — Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

Real Madrid's Rodrygo (C) celebrates goal with teammates on Sunday | AFP

Rodrygo nets twice for Real in Vinicius' absence

AGENCIES @ Madrid

RODRYGO thrived in the absence of Vinicius Junior as Real Madrid beat Athletic Bilbao 2-0 to keep an eight-point lead over Barcelona in the Spanish league. Rodrygo scored both goals and Madrid maintained its comfortable lead at the top after Barcelona had won 1-0 at Las Palmas on Saturday.

Vinicius didn't play because of a suspension over yellow cards, but Jude Bellingham was back in the squad after missing two straight league games because of a red-card suspension. The influential England international set up Rodrygo's second goal in Madrid's third straight league win. Rodrygo's opener came with a beautiful shot into the top corner from just outside the area eight minutes into the match at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

The Brazil forward had scored for Brazil in a friendly against Spain at the Bernabeu last week, but he hadn't found the net for Madrid in seven consecutive games.

Stuani helps Girona win

Cristhian Stuani scored in stoppage time as Girona beat Real Betis 3-2 to move closer to securing a top-four finish. The home win strengthened Girona's hold on third place. It's nine points ahead of fourth-place Athletic and 10 points in front of fifth-place Atletico Madrid.

10-man PSG dominate

Paris Saint-Germain gave Marseille a lesson in clinical soccer and beat them 2-0 in the French league's 'Le Classique' despite playing with 10 men for more than half the match. PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma made several saves after the interval when Marseille forwards tried their best to make the most of Lucas Beraldo's red card in the 39th minute. PSG, which kept their 12-point lead at the top of the standings, had just three shots on target but scored twice on the break with second-half goals from Vitinha and Gon'alo Ramos.

Lifting weights Mirabai's sole target ahead of Oly

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE target was always to make sure she lifted weights without trouble and it seems to have been achieved. Mirabai Chanu, the Tokyo Olympic silver medallist, might have finished third in Group B by lifting weights way below her best at the IWF World Cup in Phuket, Thailand on Monday but it certainly was the best thing coach Vijay Sharma has experienced in the past six months. For the record, Mirabai's best lift in snatch was 81kg and 103kg was her top lift in the second attempt in the clean and jerk section in the event. Her personal best is 88kg and 119kg in the snatch and C&J sections respectively.

Second in the Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) only behind Chinese lifter Jiang Huihua in 49kg as of March 4, 2024, the Manipur lifted has all but qualified for the 2024 Paris Games. Qualification, however, was never an issue but fitness was. Mirabai hasn't lifted weight in an international event since she had to be stretchered off the platform after falling on her back at the Asian Games six months ago.

Before and after the Hangzhou Games, Mirabai took part in international tournaments — World Championships in Riyadh (September 2023) and IWF Grand Prix II in Doha (December 2023). But the aim then was to just mark her attendance as participation in these Olympic Qualifying events was mandatory to qualify for the Olympics. She then

had to miss the Asian Championships in February this year as she had headed to the USA for a month-long rehabilitation programme in St Louis under Dr Aaron Horschig.

"More than happy with her show," an elated Sharma told this daily. "Our entire focus leading up to this event was solely on her (Mirabai's) rehabilitation. Seeing her perform comfortably today, given she is returning after six months of injury and rehabilitation, makes me proud of all the hard work we have done. Today, she was comfortable and confident in her lifts. Now that we're almost through, our focus is firmly set on the Paris Olympics 2024. It's time to channel all our energy into preparing for the main event in Paris," added the coach.

As per the criteria, a lifted has to compulsorily compete in five events including the 2024 World Cup and Mirabai did that on Monday. The official announcement of the qualification will be made on April 28.

Mirabai and the team had earlier given 194kg as the entry total and then brought it down by 10kg for the Phuket event. The former world champion lifted 75kg and 79kg before lifting 81kg in her three snatch attempts. In the C&J section, she first attained the 98kg mark before lifting 103kg. She attempted for 106kg in her third and final attempt but couldn't.

"Once she was comfortable, we decided to try 106kg. The failed attempt doesn't matter as lifting weights in five straight attempts was more than enough," added the coach.

The lifter will train at NIS Patiala before leaving for Paris a month ahead of the Games. During the training-cum-acclimatisation camp at La Ferte-Milon, she would be accompanied by two coaches and a physiotherapist.

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Mumbai City thrash Hyderabad FC

ENS @ Hyderabad

MUMBAI City FC is on a roll. They are on top of the Indian Super League table and played like one. On Monday, Mumbai City FC beat Hyderabad 3-0 victory at the Gachibowli Stadium. The Islanders have accumulated 44 points from 20 games and are five points ahead of the second-placed Mohun Bagan Super Giant.

Hyderabad at home were no match to the mighty Mumbai. Vikram Partap Singh, who is the highest Indian goal-scorer with seven strikes to his name this season, turned the provider in the 16th minute. With Lallianzuala Chhangte storming ahead on the right flank, Vikram sliced open the Hyderabad FC backline with a sharp through-ball that the former converted, sending it past goalkeeper Laxmikant Kattimani to open the account for the evening.

Lallianzuala Chhangte | PTI

Forward Jorge Pereyra Diaz seemed eager to join the Mumbai City FC party. Diaz engaged in some quick one-two inside the box before aiming for the top corner of the net five minutes after Chhangte's goal. Those efforts bore fruit in the 31st minute. Mumbai's centre-backs joined hands to double the lead. Syrian defender Thaer Krouma turned slightly on the right before lobbing in a cross for Mehtab Singh on the far left post. The Indian central defender headed home the goal. Diaz converted a spot kick towards the end of play. Mumbai will play their next game against Odisha FC on April 8.

Formula One owners buy MotoGP for $4.5 bn

AGENCIES @ Paris

FORMULA One owners Liberty Media have agreed to buy MotoGP on Monday in a deal valued at around $4.5 billion, the American company said. MotoGP said in a statement that Liberty Media would acquire "approximately 86 percent" stake from Spain-based owners Dorna in a deal valued at 4.2 billion euros. The acquisition is expected to be completed by the end of 2024 subject to clearances and approvals by competition and foreign investment law authorities.

Liberty will not be the first company to own both F1 and MotoGP. CVC Capital Partners had owned both F1 and MotoGP but was forced to sell the motorcycle series to buy F1 after EU competition regulators raised objections. "Liberty Media Corporation has announced an agreement to acquire MotoGP. MotoGP is the pinnacle of two wheels," read a MotoGP statement. "Liberty Media will acquire approximately 86 percent of Dorna, with Dorna retaining approximately 14 percent of their equity in the business.

"The transaction reflects an enterprise value for Dorna/MotoGP of EUR4.2 billion and an equity value of EUR3.5 billion, with MotoGP's existing debt balance expected to remain in place after close."

Antibodies that act like enzymes may explain some of the mystifying symptoms associated with Covid-19, early findings from a study of patients' blood samples suggest. The analysis of blood samples obtained from 67 Covid-19 patients found a small subset had antibodies that acted like enzymes that regulate blood pressure

WANTED: RADIOLOGISTS

TO MEET GROWING HEALTHCARE NEEDS

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the healthcare sector in India continues to grow at a brisk pace, the number of radiologists the country produces has not kept up, as the ratio of radiologists to patients is alarmingly low in India - with just one radiologist available for every 100,000 patients, starkly below the global average. This shortage is profoundly felt in rural areas as access to diagnostic services is critical for timely healthcare.

Industry data suggests that for every 100 diagnostic scans conducted daily, there is only one radiologist available to interpret the results. This scarcity significantly hampers timely reporting of emergency cases, directly impacting patient mortality and delaying crucial treatments and surgeries due to the inability to diagnose conditions accurately.

"Although the use of AI-based technology is improving the turnaround times for radiology reports in Tier I and II cities, the shortage is still a concern. Radiologists are available on-demand in private hospitals in well-developed cities, but the situation continues to be severe in Tier II and III cities," said Dr Jagadish Hiremath, chairman at Aasra Hospitals, adding that this affects patients with emergency cases and there is certainly a greater need for measures to be taken to address this crisis immediately.

"The distribution of radiologists is heavily skewed towards metropolitan and Tier-I cities, a trend influenced by more attractive financial rewards and better working conditions," said Kalyan Sivasailam, Founder and CEO of 5C network, a digital diagnostics startup.

The pool of radiologists can be increased by expanding the scope for post graduation courses and creating more opportunities for medical students to specialise in radiology. "Radiology has been the top most subject in the medical field for the last over four decades. But the number of PG seats in radiology in many states is not proportional to the demand which is why there are less number of radiologists, who require specialised training and equipment to perform their duties effectively. The cost of training, maintaining equipment and ensuring compliance with regulations can contribute to the overall expense of employing a radiologist," said Dr Manas Ranjan Kar, senior interventional radiologist at Apollo Hospital, Bhubaneswar.

One major factor that dissuades students from choosing this field is the high level of competition to secure a spot in radiology residency programmes, which can be challenging. The extensive training and long working hours required in radiology is also daunting for doctors. "The field of radiology is not less appealing. The current shortage of radiologists is due to the unavailability of seats for radiology courses," said Dr Hiremath.

"Several students on completion of their course are shifting to other countries for higher studies and specialisation. Thus, we may have to appoint people with specialisation in other subjects to meet the demand," said Dr Amel Antony, senior consultant radiologist at Lisie Hospital, Kochi.

Radiologists face several challenges, including heavy workloads, long hours and high levels of stress. They need to update their skills and knowledge to keep up with rapid advancements in technology.

"There is a fear factor as well. Students are reluctant to choose the course as the laws are strict. Even if there is a minor clinical mistake, the license will be cancelled and the radiologist will be punished. People from the younger generation, thus, are reluctant to choose the field, especially ultrasound," added Dr Antony.

As there is a shortage, the workload on available radiologists keeps growing. "Enhancing working conditions for radiologists, such as reducing long working hours and providing a better work-life balance, can make the field more attractive. Besides increasing awareness about the importance of radiology in healthcare and promoting the field among medical students, investment in advanced technology and tele-radiology services can help improve efficiency and help reduce the burden on practicing radiologists," Dr Kar added.

The high expenses linked with hiring radiologists render their services inaccessible to numerous diagnostic facilities and hospitals, particularly those serving disadvantaged communities, according Sivasailam.

"Hiring a radiologist is more expensive compared to other specialties, with costs rising 7-10% annually. For instance, a fresh graduate radiologist can cost a hospital around ₹2.5 lakh per month, with interventional radiology and neuroradiology being the most in-demand subspecialties," said Dr Hiremath. Sivasailam added that telemedicine and other technology could play a significant role in bridging the gap, especially in remote areas. "In regions, where the scarcity of radiologists is pronounced, leveraging technological advancements becomes imperative. Teleradiology, with its incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI) for preprocessing of reports, before it is reviewed by a radiologist, holds immense promise. This approach substantially decreases diagnosis time, empowering radiologists to manage cases more efficiently despite the shortage," he added.

Stressing on the consequences of delayed diagnoses owing to shortage of radiologists, particularly in the context of time-sensitive ailments, Sivasailam said the ramifications of delayed diagnoses are grave, ranging from loss of limbs or life, owing to postponement of critical surgical interventions to miscommunications that can erode the trust between patients, their families and healthcare providers. "In critical conditions like stroke and internal bleeds, every second is critical and in such situations, a timely diagnosis can mark the difference between life and death."

While India is an ideal destination for medical tourism, as the cost of advanced medical treatments is comparatively very less than other developed countries, the stark shortage of radiologists will have critical implications on the accessibility and affordability of healthcare, particularly rural and economically disadvantaged communities.

(With inputs from Anna Jose @Kochi and Hemant Kumar Raut @Bhubaneshwar)

Time to make school environment inclusive for kids with autism

A PRAJNA

APRIL 2: AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

AUTISM is a form of neurodiversity that describes individuals whose cognitive or neurodevelopmental processes differ from what is typically considered 'normal' or neurotypical. The number of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is rising with an estimated rate of 1 in 36 below eight years, with a prevalence of 4% among boys and 1% in girls. Many neurodivergent children aspire to attend mainstream schools and colleges, mirroring the desires of neurotypical peers who are typically deemed 'normal' by societal standards. They believe that such educational environments will equip them with the necessary skills to thrive in adulthood. There are, however, many problems in the current school system that make it much harder for neurodivergent students than for neurotypical students.

Problems with school system

The current school environment is designed for neurotypical students, and neurodivergent students face many problems, some of which can be seen and some of which can't. To make changes that will successfully solve these problems and provide long-term solutions that have a real effect on inclusivity, we need to understand the challenges faced by a neurodivergent student in the current school environment.

The challenges include

- Environments that are too big, bright, noisy and stimulating
- External discrimination and internalised feelings of shame
- Having trouble getting the help or services that are available
- Negative portrayal of neurodivergent individuals in media
- There isn't enough information and help for neurodivergent students
- Hiding true feelings or traits to fit in socially
- How to deal with sadness and anxiety
- Difficulty in understanding each other's perspectives between neurodivergent and neurotypical students

PULSE OF THE MATTER

Adaptation required

We extensively searched the available research on this complex problem and also analysed the challenges faced by neurodivergent students in the present school environment and proposed a holistic framework (fig. 2) that aims to offer workable solutions for all of those problems, all of which will be provided by a single dedicated unit in every school.

This separate unit would be in charge of all services and accommodations for neurodivergent students, making sure that all of them get them without having to ask or deal with any problems.

The holistic framework provides comprehensive support services essential for creating an ASD-friendly environment across various domains. In the academic sphere, it suggests implementing ASD-friendly learning modules with flexible attendance options and extended test times, alongside transition programmes facilitating early registration and faculty introduction.

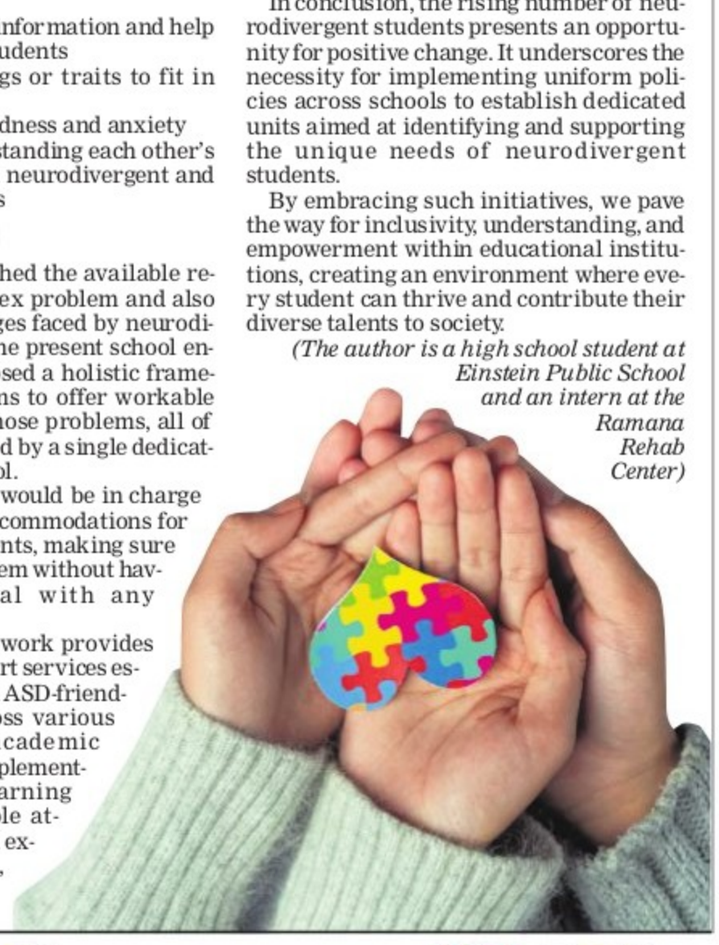
Trained faculty and staff to understand the needs of neurodivergent students are vital for inclusive education. The environmental aspect involves universally designed infrastructure, includingautism-friendly spaces and smaller classrooms. Social and mental health support includes peer-led groups, mental health counselling, and awareness programmes for families and peers.

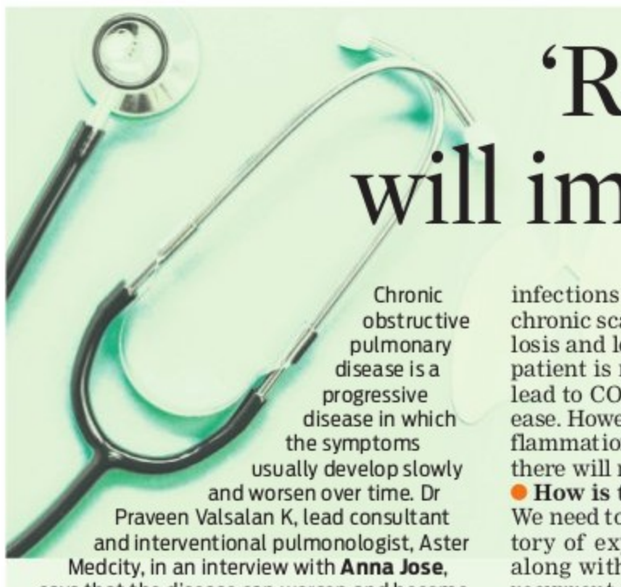
Considerations in healthcare, technology and finance increasingly prioritise research conducted by individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) rather than solely focusing on research about individuals with ASD, accessible diagnostic services, and financial aid such as scholarships and free diagnostic services and treatment for students with ASD.

In conclusion, the rising number of neurodivergent students presents an opportunity for positive change. It underscores the necessity for implementing uniform policies across schools to establish dedicated units aimed at identifying and supporting the unique needs of neurodivergent students.

By embracing such initiatives, we pave the way for inclusivity, understanding, and empowerment within educational institutions, creating an environment where every student can thrive and contribute their diverse talents to society.

(The author is a high school student at Einstein Public School and an intern at the Ramana Rehab Center)





'Recurrent infections will impact lung function'

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a progressive disease in which the symptoms usually develop slowly and worsen over time. Dr Praveen Valsalan K, lead consultant and interventional pulmonologist, Aster Medcity, in an interview with **Anna Jose**, says that the disease can worsen and become irreversible if not treated on time. Excerpts:

● How prevalent is Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in India?

COPD is the third leading cause of death worldwide and India has the third highest burden of COPD in the world. In India, it is the second to third leading cause of death. The prevalence of the disease in India is 10-20%, according to the VARIOUS data of 2023.

● What causes COPD?

Lungs can gets damaged due to several reasons and it can lead to inflammation which perpetuates. It does not happen overnight and takes some time. The most significant cause identified worldwide is smoking. However, in India, non-smoking COPDs are common mostly due to pollution and exposure to biomass fuel. Also, recurrent infections and diseases which can cause chronic scarring in the lungs like tuberculosis and long-standing asthmatics (if the patient is not on regular medication) can lead to COPD. Asthma is a reversible disease. However, if we do not treat it, this inflammation may become permanent, and there will not be any turning back.

INTERVIEW

DR PRAVEEN VALSALAN K

● How is the disease diagnosed?

We need to have a susceptible clinical history of exposure to smoke and pollution along with symptoms of breathlessness, recurrent cough and recurrent infections. In these patients, lung function testing (pulmonary function testing) is mandatory. If the lung function has reduced along with changes in lung volume and airway resistance, then a diagnosis of COPD can be made and medication can be started.

● How can the disease be prevented?

By definition, COPD is a progressive disease. Patients, thus should stop getting exposed to pollution and smoke at the earliest, not letting the disease worsen. Recurrent infections are what worsens the course of the disease, lung function and lung structure. Lifestyle changes like avoiding exposure to smoke and pollution are important. It is always recommended to be physically active. Taking yearly flu vaccines and pneumococcal vaccines can help patients prevent infections. Using masks regularly can also help to a significant extent to prevent infections.

● What are the treatment options available?

First and foremost, we give drugs to dilate the airways (called bronchodilators) and to improve the functioning of the organ. Airway obstruction can cause the retention of carbon dioxide. Drugs can open the airways and the carbon dioxide will come out and improve the oxygenation also.

Pulmonary rehabilitation is a part and parcel of COPD management. These patients need to put in a lot of effort (work of breathing is very high) to breathe and it leads to loss of muscle.

In rehabilitation, physical exercise along with breathing techniques aims to strengthen the muscles and improve their breathing capacity. Yoga can also help the patients breathe better. There are a few treatment options for the last-stage patients as well. As the lung becomes huge in COPD patients, we can reduce the volume of the lung through surgical methods, thus improving the function of the rest of the lung and diaphragm – lung volume reduction surgery. This can be done either as an open surgery or bronchoscopically.

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DAY'S DIARY

India wins WC

In 2011, India lifted the ODI Men's Cricket World Cup for the second time in their cricketing history under the leadership of MS Dhoni

MOMENT OF PRIDE

Indian captain MS Dhoni produced a phenomenal knock of unbeaten 91 to guide his side to World Cup glory at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai

ALL PRAISES

"Dhoni finishes off in style! A magnificent strike into the crowd. India lifts the World Cup after 28 years," Ravi Shastri said during commentary

TEAM EFFORT

A fifty-run partnership between Gautam Gambhir and Virat Kohli came up in 53 balls as India was 81-2 at the end of 15 overs

CE's guide to happenings in the city

PG 2

City-based celebrity sports nutritionist Ryan Fernando gives *CE* an inside look at Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Smriti Mandhana's winning diet, the unique physiological needs of female athletes, and more

FUELLING CHAMPIONS

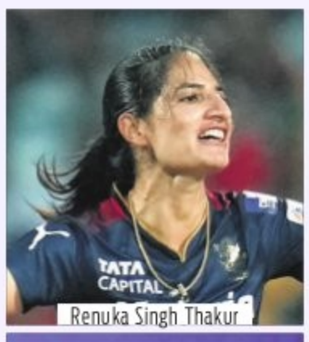
DESE GOWDA

THE fiercely competitive world of elite sports demands every last bit of potential that an athlete can muster. From rigorous training schedules to cutting-edge equipment, the quest for peak performance is relentless. Yet, a powerful but oft-overlooked factor lies on their plates. If one were to imagine the human body as a high-performance machine, then carbohydrates are the fuel powering it; proteins the building blocks; vitamins and minerals are finely-tuned lubricants. Hence, a personalised nutritional plan isn't just about eating healthy; it's the key to pushing physical limits, recovering faster, and staying ahead of the injury curve.

For cricketer Smriti Mandhana – who recently led the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) to a historic maiden title at the second edition of the Women's Premier League – unlocking that full potential meant partnering with Bengaluru-based sports nutritionist **Ryan Fernando**. An RCB fan since the team's inception, Fernando was delighted at the team's success. "I actually jumped up on my sofa! I've lived in Bengaluru for 15 years now, and I've always been a huge Virat [Kohli] and RCB fan. Every year, it's been the same disappointment. But when the women's team won, I immediately messaged Smriti and Renuka [Thakur], saying 'You guys did what the men couldn't do!' " he laughs, adding that he hopes the title win inspires more women to take up the sport and convinces more parents to support their daughters' dreams.

Throughout his decades-long career, Fernando has worked with some of the best sports talent in the country, including cricketers Virat Kohli and Mithali Raj, and Olympic wrestler Sushil Kumar among others. Currently, his clients include RCB's Mandhana, Richa Ghosh, and Renuka Singh Thakur.

As a nutritionist, Fernando's work goes beyond charts and meal plans. He says that the trend towards taking sports nutrition seriously is a much recent phenomenon, and hence many athletes are still unaware of its benefits. "90 per cent of my job is motivational and psychological training. It's convincing athletes like Smriti why she shouldn't touch that delicious batata vada when the photo shoot crew is enjoying it. My approach with any athlete starts with a conversation about their goals. What do they want to achieve? More power? Fewer injuries? Do they struggle with digestion from eating out? Together, we identify four or five key focus areas," he shares, adding, "How does this impact cricket? Picture Smriti Mandhana, who's nutritionally aligned, with a lower resting heart rate during IPL. Compare that to a Smriti Mandhana who eats chole bhature, pastries – the wrong foods – she may have a slightly higher resting heart rate. During runs, her heart rate will be further elevated, creating hyper-excitability that could lead to errors. These small nutritional factors have a big impact."


Renuka Singh Thakur

Smriti Mandhana

Richa Ghosh

In recent decades, the steady stream of women's achievements in traditionally male-dominated sports like cricket has challenged stereotypes about women's abilities. Yet, Fernando says women actually have to put in more effort compared to their male counterparts due to their unique physiological needs. "There are clear biomedical and evolutionary differences between men and women. Comparing the two is like comparing apples and oranges – it doesn't make sense. My point is, women need to focus even harder on sports. Without hormonal cycles and blood loss due to menstruation, men don't face the same challenges. Women in sports have to be incredibly disciplined with training, nutrition, and sleep because their bodies demand it," he explains, adding, "However, in my personal experience, female clients demonstrate stronger discipline and resilience in following a nutrition plan compared to men. Men often excel in discipline once they reach the top level, but during their ascent, they tend to negotiate or display a more relaxed attitude towards nutrition."

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> Ryan Fernando, nutritionist

Rediscovering a long-lost passion, city-based Dr Pradeep Rao, with three decades of medical practice, talks about his love for wildlife photography, his travels across the world and his 'dream image'

Into the Wild

POOJA DAS

ONE might come across many inspirational quotes to follow their hearts and prioritise their hidden passions to achieve ultimate happiness but very few are able to break the mould and take the step needed to reconnect with themselves.

Amidst those very few who take the road less travelled is the 64-year-old **Dr Pradeep Rao**, a consultant pathologist, who decided to pick up his childhood love of photography and turn it into an inspiring story that charts an adventure all across the world. Dr Rao's tryst with photography dates back to his student days. "Photography has always been my passion from my student days. At that time, it used to be very difficult to get equipment, but still, I used to click photographs when I was in medical college," reminisces Rao. But life always comes in the way and he got busy keeping up with the 'rat race of life' and gave up on photography for 30 years.

As his cameras gathered dust for nearly three decades, the world of photography changed drastically when he finally came back to greet his past passion. "In 2016, I went back to photography. By that time, the science of photography had changed so much. From analogue cameras, everything had become technology-driven with digital cameras so I had to relearn the whole thing once again," says Rao. This marked the beginning of Rao's global expeditions, from Costa Rica to Ecuador, to capture the wild.

For Rao, his keen interest in wildlife photography stems from a love for travel and a deep appreciation for nature's creations. "It is to appreciate the creation of mother nature, note behaviour of animals along with the people who are living around the animals in harmony," he adds. One of the continents that he most ardently visits for his photography is Africa. "I always like to go to Africa. In fact, many of my friends and family introduce me as the honorary consul of Africa," laughs Rao, emphasising that he would not have been able to keep up with this passion without support from his family.

Rao reflects that he wants to bring people closer to wildlife and spark an interest in understanding these magnificent creatures through his photography and the insights he gains on his travels.

Among his many remarkable photographs, one stands out for him: the capture of a tiger preying on a buffalo in Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh. "It's a dream image for a wildlife photographer. I don't think I will be able to capture something like that again," states Rao, highlighting the importance of the picture as it depicts another angle to the serious repercussions of human-wildlife conflict.

CITY READ

Fifth Trans Arts Festival held in the city

On the occasion of International Transgender Visibility Day, Bengaluru witnessed the 5th edition of the Trans Arts Festival on Monday. Curated by Srivatsa Shandilya, this event, held at Seva Sadan Auditorium in Malleswaram, was graced by a panel of esteemed personalities from the domain of arts and culture which included Kannada film actor Anu Prabhakar Mukherjee, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, classical dancer and Indian film actor and Karnataka Kalashree Sathyanarayana Raju. Taking the centre stage at the event were trans artists Vaishnavi, Selvi Santhosam, Rekha, Rose, Omana, and Karthi who captivated the audience with their passion and dedication to their craft showcasing the transformative power of art to transcend boundaries and celebrate diversity.

Sakhi, a fusion dance theatre show, intricately weaves together the stories of Sita and Draupadi in a new light

Tales forged from fire

POOJA DAS

EVER wondered how interesting it would be if Sita and Draupadi, two of the most powerful female characters in the history of Indian epics came together for a conversation? You might not have to wonder any longer as a rendition of *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* through a face-to-face conversation between Sita and Draupadi is coming to the stage with *Sakhi*, a Bharatanatyam and contemporary dance theatre adaptation. "The idea is to tell the story of the *Ramayana* and the *Mahabharata* together through the eyes of Sita and Draupadi as friends or sakhi so it can be more relatable," says Aneesha Grover, dancer and producer of the show.

Adding to Grover, the director of the show, Jyotsna Shourie, emphasises the innovative approach of combining dance and theatre. "It's quite a theatrical kind of production with the actors speaking on stage that has not been done earlier," says Shourie, who is also the founder of Keelaka Dance Company.

The 80-minute-long production draws directly from Valmiki's *Ramayana* and Vyasa's *Mahabharata*. While the events are rooted in these ancient texts, the conversations between the two characters are a work of creative fiction, adding a fresh perspective to these timeless tales. Noting the significance of portraying these characters in a new light, Grover highlights that rather than adhering to traditional depictions, Sita and Draupadi are presented as strong, multifaceted women, demonstrating a range of emotions from devotion to resilience. "They understand their divine purpose and act according to that so they have a sense of agency," she explains. Shourie adds that it has been a deliberate attempt to keep their will at the centre of the narrative, "A woman can be very devoted, but she can also be stubborn or angry or show a range of other emotions."

Grover further adds that this modern interpretation is especially important for connecting with younger audiences, who may not fully relate to the conventional portrayals of these mythological figures. "We have more women writers and performers and they have to find a way to relate to these characters. Somebody like me as a millennial can't be playing that typical Sita. It will not feel natural to me and the audience will not relate to it," she shares.

Central to the choreography is the theme of fire, a symbolic element deeply ingrained in both characters' lives. Sita's ordeal by fire, known as Agni Pariksha, and Draupadi's birth from fire are pivotal moments in their respective epics. "They meet in this metaphorical fire and we have used this fire as a metaphor for society – a society that moulded these women and typecast them into the role of an ideal woman," says Grover.

(Sakhi will be staged on April 3, 7 pm at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. Visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org for more details)

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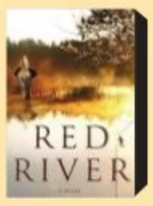


Red River
By Somnath Batabyal

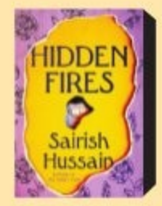
Set against the backdrop of rising militancy in Assam, the story focuses on three childhood friends who explore their lives in three different and contrasting ways. The novel will take you through the political unrest, their individual struggles, and male camaraderie.

The Women
By Kristin Hannah

Revolves around Frances "Frankie" McGrath, a nursing student who joins the Army Nurses Corps during the Vietnam War in 1965, following the idea of women being heroes. The story talks about her struggles, experiences, and traumas that she shared with fellow women on the team.

The Birds In The Storm:
By Bhagaban Jaysingh

An anthology of English translations of some of the most notable works of Odia poets, considered the representatives of the 1960s. The book skillfully intertwines a vibrant range of emotions into voices that are lucid, tender, solemn, ecstatic, and intensely sensuous.



Hidden Fires
By Sairish Hussain

The story captures the daunting tale of a multi-generational family caught between events of partition and the grenfell tower fire. Rubi, the protagonist, resolves to protect her conservative grandfather, Yusuf, at any cost, despite having resented for years the imposition he put on her while she was growing up.

IN THE FRAME

A young woman strikes a pose at the edge of Halsuru Lake while her friend clicks a picture | VINOD KUMAR

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INGREDIENTS

- **Water:** 4 cups
- **Sugar:** 1/2 cup (adjust to taste)
- **Black tea bags:** 4
- **Lemon:** 1
- **Ice cubes**

METHOD

- Boil the water in a saucepan.
- After boiling the water, remove it from the heat and add the tea bags.
- Once brewed to the desired strength, remove the tea bags and stir in the sugar until dissolved.
- Squeeze the juice of one lemon, add it to the tea, and stir well.
- Transfer the tea to a pitcher and refrigerate until cold.
- Once chilled, serve it in a tall glass.

Contributed by **Ayushi Nayak,** Bengaluru

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
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Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker.

I am in a relationship with a married man who doesn't care about me. I want to move on. Any advice?

We all become fools in love. Being in love is so addictive that we desperately crave their presence and time, as we feel euphoric being loved by them. But if they are mostly unavailable when we need them, then we are being used. At some point, it becomes essential to draw strict boundaries to protect our self-worth.

It seems like the married person is only feeding you 'crumbs', while you deserve a four-course meal. Why are you settling for less? If you are financially independent, move away from your present home. Block him from your social media accounts and delete his number. The very thought of doing this might seem frightful at the moment, but this is the first step to helping yourself and healing.

It will hurt for a long time, but eventually the person who is right for you and who values you for your authentic self will come along. All of this will then seem like a distant memory, and you will be glad you took that step.

Send your questions to: Askpreetishenoy@gmail.com

FITBIT

URDHVA MUKHA SVANASANA
(UPWARD-FACING DOG POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'urdhva' means up, 'mukha' means face, 'svan' means dog, and 'asana' means pose. It is an intermediate-level pose that strengthens the legs and arms and stretches the back. This asana is often practiced as part of a vinyasa. It is similar to Bhujangasana (cobra pose) and stimulates the Anahata (heart) chakra. It is a symmetrical pose that rotates the hips along with the shoulders while keeping the legs and arms engaged and stable.

STEPS

- Lie down on your stomach while breathing deeply, and get into Makarasana (Crocodile Pose). Stay here for 2-3 breaths.
- Place your palms on the floor with your arms and elbows closely aligned with your body.
- Keep your toes and heels together, tighten your legs, and lower your back as you breathe. Inhale while putting force on the palms, and lift the chest, shoulders, arms, elbows, upper abdomen, and legs. Bring the body backwards, straightening the arms.
- Keep the feet on the mat in a feet curl, and then exhale.
- Bring your neck backward and look up. Stay here while breathing slowly.
- The entire body should be tightened and balanced on the ankles and wrists.
- Ensure that the body weight is on the wrists and elbows. After a while, shift it to the lower back and hips.
- There will be a tendency to crunch the shoulders, rolling them back away from the ears, and this will further create a space for the chest and collar bones. This will keep the shoulders straight and strong.
- Stay in the pose as per your capacity.
- Finally, release the pose and relax in Makarasana (Crocodile Pose).

BENEFITS

- It strengthens and enhances the flexibility of the spine.
- It tones the hamstrings, knees, arms, shoulders, and wrists.
- Soles and palms are activated and strengthened.
- Tones the lower body and stretches the psoas muscles.
- Expands the diaphragm, thereby increasing the breathing capacity.
- Creates lung space and increases awareness and focus (concentration).
- Ensures that the Sama Vayu is stimulated and active.
- Activates the pelvic, hips, and psoas, the Apana Vayu, and Udana Vayu.
- Aids in thyroid imbalance-related ailments, diabetes, insomnia, and sleeping disorders.
- Helps with digestive ailments like constipation, flatulence, IBD (inflammatory bowel disease), and low appetite.
- Aids in migraines and ailments due to Vata doshas.
- Spinal toning calms the nervous system.
- Lumbar spinal stretch activates parasympathetic nerves.
- Enhances blood circulation by removing blockages.

LIMITATIONS

- People with injuries or recent surgeries to the knees, hips, spine, wrist, ankle, and shoulders, or have cervical spondylosis, carpal tunnel syndrome, scoliosis, kyphosis, weak joints, and acute lumbar spondylitis, heart patients, pregnant women, and seniors should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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Sing Along
Sing your heart out and spread some much-needed cheer at this karaoke evening with your friends.

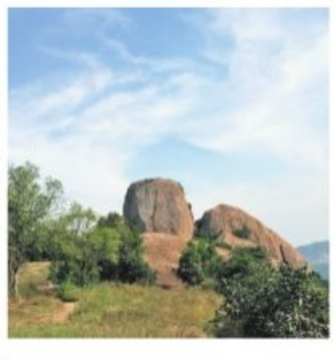
WHEN: April 2, 10pm
WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, KHB Colony
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Time
Tune in for an evening full of jokes and laughter at this comedy show featuring a line-up of diverse comedians from across the city.

WHEN: April 2, 8.30pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Nature's Hideout
Plan the perfect midweek adventure and getaway from the hustle and bustle of the city by camping at Ramanagara. Enjoy a series of thrills and sports with your friends or as a solo retreat.

WHEN: April 2, 12pm
WHERE: Kanakapura Road, Ramanagara
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Art Therapy
Unleash your creativity in this coaster painting workshop that lets you take home your personalised set of artistic coasters. All materials included in the workshop.

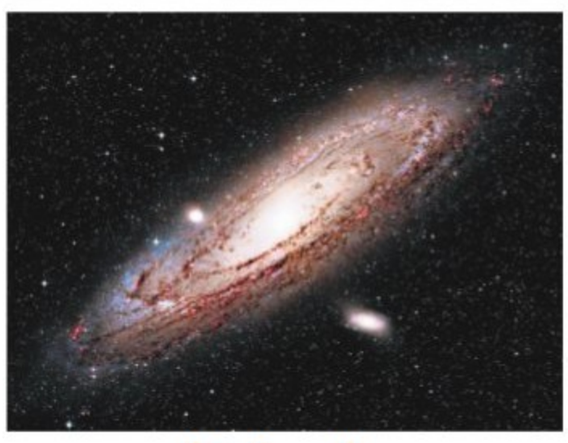
WHEN: April 2, 2pm **WHERE:** Art Beat, HSR Layout **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

For the Love of Food
Satisfy the foodie and chef in you at this continental cooking masterclass that covers recipes and details of a myriad of cuisines with hands-on practical experience and guidance from trained chefs.

WHEN: April 2, 2pm
WHERE: Small World, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Swerve & Sway
Level up your skills with this workshop that teaches gymnastics tailored towards dancers wanting to enhance their abilities.

WHEN: April 2, 7am
WHERE: LVDS, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Astro Computing
This scientific workshop introduces young minds to software and programmes used by astronomers to locate asteroid positions and understand the Sun's rotation and other celestial motions. **WHEN:** April 2, 3pm **WHERE:** Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, Sampagi Rama Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Holistic Healing
Experience the healing potential of salt through this Salt Cave Experience which is known to boost well-being through the soothing effects of pure air enriched with salt minerals.

WHEN: April 2, 6pm
WHERE: Salt Word, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

COGNIZANT WALK

A bronze and wood sculpture by Hyderabad-based artist Srinivasa Rao (represented by Srishti Art Gallery).

The newly-launched Hyundai Creta N-Line is an athletic beauty with a slightly higher price tag

SPEEDY N SPORTY

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

MANY car enthusiasts love to link the word performance with the cars they love. There are many performance-oriented cars in the market, but at least for some petrol-heads, the 'performance character' is limited to a bunch of stickers they paste on their ride.

Meanwhile, for car brands, introducing sporty line-ups into their models always means a boost in sales, because the sportiness, of course, attracts a lot more youth to their fold. That's exactly what Hyundai Motor India aims at with the launch of the N-Line of their uber-popular Creta model.

The automaker has 'N' variants and N-Line variants above its usual models. The N sets the tone for the performance car division of the Korean automaker. The N models are sporty and synonymous with high-power performance. Though Hyundai launched its first N model in 2013, in India so far the variant is not available. Instead, a much more economical N-Line has been launched here with mainly some design cues that denote some sporty character. Hyundai already has an N-Line variant series for its Venue and i20. And now, Creta is a new addition to the line.

As I was driving the new Creta N-Line on the Mumbai-Delhi Expressway near Gurugram I found a few core factors which differentiate N-Line Creta from its original edition.

The look

Overall, it looks similar to Creta. But the black grille, bumper and skid plate get some revisions. The red stripe on the body adds character to the car. Matching red brake callipers and 18-inch alloys are also new additions. The rear spoiler and the twin-tip muffler are some cool add-ons.

The colours

The Hyundai Creta N-Line comes in three mono-tone colours – Titan grey matte, abyss black and Atlas white. Then, there are three dual-tone colour options – thunder blue with black roof, Atlas white with black roof and shadow grey with black roof.

The tech

The technical changes Hyundai has introduced in the Creta N-Line that ensure a sportier ride are the reworked steering and suspension. Both are tuned for enthusiastic driving.

I experienced the power of the car on the highway. The 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine offers 160bhp peak power and 253 Nm of torque. Six-speed manual (6MT) and seven-speed dual-clutch automatic (7DCT) are the transmission options on the N-Line. I was able to test both of them. It is a powerful car with both the transmission options. Both gearboxes are smooth. The engine performs without any evident power lag. The automatic model has drive and traction modes, too.

Efficiency

The fuel efficiency of 7DCT is 18.2 km/l and for 6MT 18.0 km/l. I got a 14km/l fuel efficiency in the seven-speed automatic version. The digital cluster helped me utilise level-2 ADAS features with alerts and displays. Creta N-Line is loaded with 42 standard safety features and over 70 advanced safety features. Hyundai has included a dashcam with dual camera exclusively for this new line.

Verdict

Overall, the N-Line is a more stylish and youthful Creta. The price is decent too, at around ₹30,000 above that of the standard model, one can drive a slightly sportier and eye-catching beauty with an elevated feel.

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Variants & prices

Variant	Powertrain	Ex-showroom price (₹)
N8	1.5l T-GDi + 6 MT	₹16,82,300
N8	1.5l T-GDi + 7 DCT	₹18,32,300
N10	1.5l T-GDi + 6 MT	₹19,34,300
N10	1.5l T-GDi + 7 DCT	₹20,29,900

Hyundai Motors wins design award

Hyundai Motor has won more than 20 iF Design Awards, showcasing design excellence and innovation across multiple categories. iF Design Award recognised IONIQ 5 N and the all-new SANTA FE in the product category and SANTA FE XRT concept in the professional concept category. For the 10th year in a row, Hyundai Motor has been awarded the iF Design Award honours. Among the winners, IONIQ 5 N represents a new segment of driver-focused high-performance electric vehicles (EVs) through new technologies and elevated racetrack capability, signalling the first step in Hyundai N's electrification strategy.

IONIQ 5 N

SANTA FE XRT

VOLKSWAGEN unveils new TAIGUN

Volkswagen India has unveiled the new GT Plus Sport variant for Taigun with a 'black themed' exterior and interior styling. Taigun GT Plus Sport will boast 19 exterior and 14 interior enhancements. The model is powered by 1.0l TSI petrol engine with six-speed automatic and manual transmission. Volkswagen Taigun will now be offered to customers under the aegis of three trim plans — GT Edge, Chrome and Sport.

E Luna bags best EV model award

E Luna has been awarded as the best electric vehicle model at the recently held EMOBILITY+ State Leadership Awards Maharashtra. Kinetic Green, a leading manufacturer of electric vehicles in India, recently announced the new model E Luna in February. At the heart of the model is its unique, metallic-coloured, dual-tubular, high-strength steel chassis. E-Luna has features such as advanced 2.0 kWh lithium-ion battery pack delivers a range of 110 km on a single charge.

Maruti Suzuki Subscribe reaches 10,000 customers

Maruti Suzuki Subscribe is celebrating a significant milestone of 10,000 new car subscription sales since its inception in July 2020. The service offers customers the convenience of driving a brand-new Maruti Suzuki car without the burden of ownership, including insurance, maintenance, and other associated costs. Brezza, Baleno, Grand Vitara and Ertiga contribute 53 per cent of the overall subscriptions. Maruti Suzuki Subscribe has a presence in 25 cities, including Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru.

JSW MG MOTOR INDIA venture to focus on EV

SAIC Motor, a global Fortune 500 company, has announced the business roadmap for their new strategic joint venture — JSW MG Motor India Pvt Ltd. JSW MG Motor India aims to build a smart, sustainable EV ecosystem while continuing to stay focused on developing a diverse portfolio of vehicles tailored to meet customers' unique preferences and requirements. The joint venture plans to launch a new product, including NEVs, every three to six months, beginning this festive season, with two new products slated to be launched this calendar year. The company will expand its production capacity in Halol, Gujarat, with a focus on producing NEVs. This will significantly increase the production capacity from the current 1,00,000 plus to up to 3,00,000 vehicles annually.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) M. RATHINA,** Spouse of NO.1384619Y EX NK, P. MANOHRAN Residing at Door NO.81A, 5th Ward, Ammapatti (Vill & Post), Uthamapalayam (TK), Theni (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 625533, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RATHINAM MANOHARAN,** And **DOB** from **25.12.1972** to **20.01.1970,** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Col ASHISH T** S/o Tummalapalli Devi Prasad R/o Qtr No.ML-06,The Parachute Regiment Training Centre J.C.Nagar Bangalore - 560006. **ASHISH T** & **ASHISH TUMMALAPALLI** are the names One & the same person. Now I have changed my name to **ASHISH TUMMALAPALLI** for all official purposes in future vide affidavit Dt 02.01.2024 and sworn before Notary and Advocate Y.R.Chandrasekar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **J. NITHYA**, W/O G. SANTHOSH KUMAR, aged about 40 years and G. SANTHOSH KUMAR, S/O C. Gopalan, aged about 45 years, R/at 146, 02nd Main, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560 095, do hereby declare that our younger son's name has been rectified from **RAKSHITH** to **RAKSHITH. S.,** vide Affidavit dt; 30/03/2024 Sworn before **Smt. S. VIJAYALAKSHMI**, Advocate and Notary Public at Bengaluru. And hence he shall be known and called as **RAKSHITH. S** for all of his purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJMAL ROSHANLAL** S/O Roshanlal resident of # 13/32, 5th Cross, Magadi Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJMAL DAK to RAJMAL ROSHANLAL** vide affidavit dated 27.03.2024 sworn to before **K.C. SHASHIKALA,** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Manjunath .T**, S/o. Late Thimmappa, Aged about 44 years, R/at No. 33, 2nd Main Road, Thimmappa Reddy Layout, Hulimavu, B.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 076, do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **SOUNNDERYA .M** but at the time of intimating the date of birth of my daughter to the concern chief registrar of births and deaths as **SOUNDARYA REDDY .M.** and the same is shown in the birth certificate. Vide affidavit dated 01.04.2024 sworn to before Ravi Kumar .V, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANISH KATARIYA MOHANLAL**, Aged about 39 years, S/o. Mohanlal Katariya Devaraj, No. 7/5, 3rd Floor, 12th Cross, RT Street, Chickpet, Bangalore - 560 053, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANISH KATARIYAM MOHANLAL** to **MANISH KATARIYA MOHANLAL** vide affidavit dated 30.03.2024 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAKASHA REDDY** S/o **Thimmareddy,** R/at Sri Ramapura, Jigani, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka- 560105, have changed my name to **PRAKASH REDDY** vide affidavit dated: 30/3/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. MAHADEVA.K, S/o. Mr. Kannappa, aged about 44 years, residing at No. 1352, Near Maruthi Temple, Maruthi Badavane, Weavers Colony, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560083, I declare that below mentioned names **MAHADEVA.K** and **MADESHA.K** are one and the same person. from now onwards my name has to be updated and continue as **"MAHADEVA.K"** only in all the records., vide affidavit dated 15/2/2024 sworn to before L. Puttaraju advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) K NARAYANAMMA,** Mother of NO. 16111665N HAV KALLURI MANOHAR REDDY, Residing at House NO. 5/36, Raja Saheb Peta (Vill & Post), Badvel (TK), Cuddapah (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 516505, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KALLURI NARAYANAMMA,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1964** to **01.01.1966,** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RESHMA FAIROZE AHMED** (OLD NAME), W/O. FAIROZE AHMED RESIDING AT: NO.13A, 6TH CROSS, 10TH MAIN ROAD, VASANTHAPPA BLOCK, GANGANAGAR, RT NAGAR POST, BENGALURU-560032, HAVE CHANGED MY PREVIOUS NAME **RESHMA FAIROZE AHMED,** TO NEW NAME **"RESHMA.R (RESHMA RAFIQ)"** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED.25/03/2024, BEFORE THE NOTARY **SIVAKUMARA M N,** BENGALURU METROPOLITAN AREA, FOR ALL OFFICIAL AND LEGAL PURPOSES.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **J. NITHYA**, W/O G. SANTHOSH KUMAR, aged about 40 years and G. SANTHOSH KUMAR, S/O C. Gopalan, aged about 45 years, R/at 146, 02nd Main, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560 095, do hereby declare that our elder son's name has been changed from **ROHIT SANJAY** to **SANJAY. S.,** vide Affidavit dt; 30/03/2024, Sworn before **Smt. S. VIJAYALAKSHMI**, Advocate and Notary Public at Bengaluru. And hence he shall be known and called as **SANJAY. S** for all of his purposes.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Manjunath .T**, S/o. Late Thimmappa, Aged about 44 years, R/at No. 33, 2nd Main Road, Thimmappa Reddy Layout, Hulimavu, B.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 076, do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **AISSHVERYA .M** but at the time of intimating the date of birth of my daughter to the concern chief registrar of births and deaths as **AIISHWARYA REDDY .M.** and the same is shown in the birth certificate. Vide affidavit dated 01.04.2024 sworn to before Ravi Kumar .V, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Savood Ahmed** S/o. Mohammed Yousuff Valtur, aged about 48 years, residing at No. 178/7, 5th Cross, Mohamed Ali Street, Devara Jeevana Halli, Bangalore-560045, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that my name is **SAVOOD AHMED** and all my records i.e., Aadhaar Card PAN Card and Driving licence. But while applying Passport **SAVOOD AHMED VALTUR.** But **Valtur** is my surname but this surname is not reflected i the above document, the Passport Authority to issue new Passport by mentioning my name as **SAVOOD AHMED** and not **SAVOOD AHMED VALTUR**, vide affidavit dated 01.04.2024, sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Ajith K., alias Ajith Krishnamurthy** S/o. Late K. S. Krishnamurthy , aged about 41 years R/at 1603, 12th Main Road, B Block, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru- 560 092, Karnataka, I hereby declare that in some documents my name is mentioned as **Ajith K ,** and in some of Educational records mentioned as **AJITH KRISHNAMURTHY** Both the above stated names are of one and same person. I request through this affidavit to accept both the names in all educational/Transaction/for all general purposes. Sworn before C. N. Chandrashekar, vide affidavit dated 30.03.2024

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTOSH KUMAR KALLIANPUR** S/o **K. Krishna Bhat** Residing at Flat No. 23, Dollar Point Apt., J P Nagar 4th Phase, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560076 have changed my name to **K. SANTOSH KUMAR BHAT** vide affidavit dated: 1/04/2024 Before Notary **H S Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHUBHA V,** D/o, Venkatesh Murthy, aged 23 years, Residing at, Rammakka Layout, Bidaragere Road, Anekal, Bengaluru-562106, state that both the names **SHUBHA V** and **SHUBHA VENKATESH MURTHY** belongs to one and the same person, i.e., myself, vide Affidavit dated: 01.04.2024, sworn before Notary, **L. Shankaranarayana,** Bengaluru. I shall be known & called as **SHUBHA V,** only for all Official & Future Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) THIRUPATHI REDDY,** Father of NO.16111665N HAV KALLURI MANOHAR REDDY, Residing at House NO.5/36, Raja Saheb Peta (Vill & Post), Badvel (TK), Cuddapah (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 516505, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KALLURI THIRUPATHI REDDY,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1959** to **14.04.1951,** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHYLASHREE .C.M,** W/o Sharath .M, aged about 36 years, R/at No. 102, Shaakya Ellite Apartment, 15th Cross, 1st Stage, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560040, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **ANSH SHARATH** to **SMAYAN VIDART** as per numerology called as **SMAYAN VIDART** instead of **ANSH SHARATH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/03/2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.V. BACHI REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYALAKSHMI .C (CHELUVARAJU),** aged about 35 years, W/o Nandeesh, R/at No.18, Behind Manjunath Kalayana Mantapa, Balaji Layout, Vajarahalli, Talaghatapura, Bangalore-560062. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JAYALAKSHMI NANDEESH** to **JAYALAKSHMI C (CHELUVARAJU)** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JAYALAKSHMI C (CHELUVARAJU)** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 01/04/2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr.K.Baburaj** (new name) aged about 55 years S/o. K. Krishnamurthy, residing at No.9, 24/2-1-2, 'Sai Krupa; 33rd main road, 17th cross, sarakkikere, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078. I have changed my name **"K. HIRIYANNA" to "K. Baburaj"** vide Affidavit dated 27.03.2024 Before Notary **B.R SHASHIKALA**

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Hamsini V., alias Hamsini Venkatesh Murthy** W/o. Ajith Krishnamurthy , aged about 33 years R/at 1603, 12th Main Road, B Block, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru- 560 092, Karnataka, I hereby declare that in some documents my name is mentioned as **HAMSINI V.,** and in some of Educational records mentioned as **HAMSINI VENKATESH MURTHY** Both the above stated names are of one and same person. I request through this affidavit to accept both the names in all educational/Transaction/for all general purposes. Sworn before C. N. Chandrashekar, vide affidavit dated 30.03.2024

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRIKA KESHAVAMURTHY GIRIRAJ** R/at No. 04, Shreya Residency, 4th Cross, Behind Janapriya Township Kadabagere, Bengaluru- 562130 have changed my name to **CHANDRIKA GIRIRAJ** vide affidavit dated: 27/3/2024 Before Notary **B. Prasanna** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAGARAJ. G. R, resident at No. 133, 8th Cross, Betteal College Road, Preethi Nagar, Laggere, Bangalore-560058, have changed my name from **G.R. PREETHI RAJ** to **NAGARAJ. G. R,** vide affidavit dated 21/3/2024 sworn to before R.Basavaraja advocate and notary Bangalore.

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YASH'S *TOXIC* TO ROLL FROM THIS MONTH

While speculations about potential shooting locations are rife, the production houses have chosen Bengaluru as the centre for filming, which is slated for a global release in multiple languages

A SHARADHAA

YASH'S much-anticipated film, *Toxic - A Fairy Tale for Grown-ups,* directed by Geetu Mohandas, has been generating immense buzz since its announcement, and just with its title teaser. This action-packed thriller, produced by Venkat K Narayana's KVN Productions and Yash's own Monster Mind Creations, is poised to transcend borders with its global multilingual appeal.

While the release date of April 10, 2025, has been firmly set, the commencement of shooting is finally scheduled for the third week of April, just a year before its theatrical debut. The groundwork for *Toxic* has been meticulously laid by the minds behind the project. As previously reported by *Cinema Express,* the team has used cutting-edge technology with the inclusion of Stuntvis, a virtual production tool which is mostly used in Hollywood studios, leaving no stone unturned in their quest to achieve visual grandeur.

Amidst speculation about potential shooting locations in Sri Lanka and London, among other places, the production team has shifted gears and chose Bengaluru as the epicentre for filming. While industry whispers hinted at exotic locations, the decision to construct elaborate sets in the heart of Bengaluru has incited more expectations about the project. Intending to nurture local talent and provide job opportunities, the production's investment in Bengaluru's skilled workforce marks a commendable stride towards industry sustainability. "The team has enlisted a production designer from Mumbai and an art director from Bengaluru, and currently, massive sets are being erected right in the heart of the city," reveals our source. They added, "While the majority of the shooting will be in Bengaluru, they have chosen Mumbai where they will be covering a few crucial portions."

Drawing talent from across the country, *Toxic* will have Jeremy Stack composing music, and Rajeev Ravi handling the cinematography. Speculation mounts with rumours swirling around the potential inclusion of Bollywood stars Kareena Kapoor Khan and Nawazuddin Siddiqui, alongside Malayalam actor Shine Tom Chacko. While official confirmation of these actors onboarding the project is pending, it is expected that the makers are assembling a star-studded lineup for *Toxic.*

Yash

'I DESERVE TO BE A HERO ON SCREEN'

says Kiran Raj, who talks about how TV serials were the only way to get an opening into cinema, his upcoming film *Bharjari Gandu,* and more

Kiran Raj

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Kiran Raj was always ambitious about making it big on the silver screen. But as he didn't have contacts or sources in the film industry, he had to first start from the small screen to make his way up. "The privileged, who have all the required resources to enter the film industry, will be able to showcase their talent as soon as they get an opportunity. Unlike them, I had to establish roots somewhere else to enter the cinema world, and serials were the only platform to show the audience my potential in acting. Now that I have become a household name through my serials, especially *Kannadathi*, it's time I prove myself in cinema. I deserve to be a hero onscreen,' says Kiran Raj, as he speaks ahead of the release of his latest film, *Bharjari Gandu.* The film directed by Prasiddh is produced by Anil Kumar and Madan Gowda, under the Famous Films banner. While Yasha Shivakumar stars as the female lead, Nisarga Lakshman plays a pivotal role. The cast also includes Ramesh Bhat, Rohith Nagesh, Rakesh Raj, and Saurabh Kulkarni. Gumineni Vijay has scored the film's music.

"Directors and production houses are always thoughtful about casting soap opera actors, as they're afraid we can't prove ourselves on the big screen. Perhaps, a few projects from my side might change their opinion," says Kiran Raj, as he reveals how *Bharjari Gandu* came along. "The project came to me when I started doing a serial. At that time, I didn't have the privilege to choose, and I went with what was offered. Regardless of the result, I wanted to take up a project and give my best. Fortunately, this film showcases me as a full-fledged commercial actor, and I have also gotten the opportunity to exhibit my dancing abilities too. I do hope that the film will help me prove my potential as an action hero, thereby helping me gain wonderful commercial projects ahead."

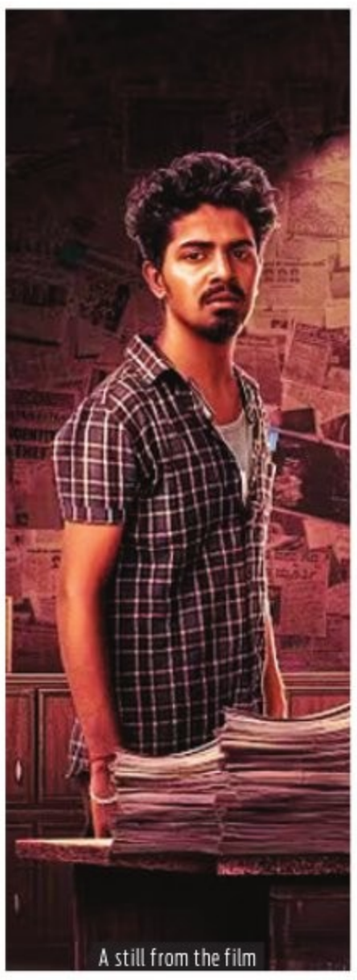
When speaking about how a few TV serial actors have become successful stars today, Kiraj Raj asserts, "Each person has their own way of achieving their dreams. What works for them might not resonate with me, and that's where I need to find my own approach. It's a trial and error method, and I'm hoping that one day I will find my success. Today audiences are updated on all new kinds of cinema, so I have to find a new way to reach out and impress them."

A still from the film

On *Bharjari Gandu,* Kiran Raj says that it's about a youth who moves from the city to the village to solve some problems. "With a backstory of his own, the hero has to deal with certain issues, with special focus on a water crisis that has been the talk of the town. How he earns the name *Bharjari Gandu* from the villagers, for his work solving the crisis, forms the crux of the story," the actor narrates.

The actor is also gearing up for his next project, *Ronny,* which is currently in post-production. "I am waiting for *Ronny* to hit theatres and have not taken up any other projects until its release. I am confident that post-*Ronny,* I might be in a position to choose films of my liking," he says.

About getting back to serials, "While doing serials was a way to stay involved in the film world, I understand their appeal. Back home, my grandma and many others in her generation still prefer small screen entertainment. Even then, I might only consider a TV serial again if I am offered a truly compelling lead role," he signs off.



A still from the film

Scam 1770 set to hit theatres this April

The trailer of the Vikas Pushpagiri directorial was unveiled recently

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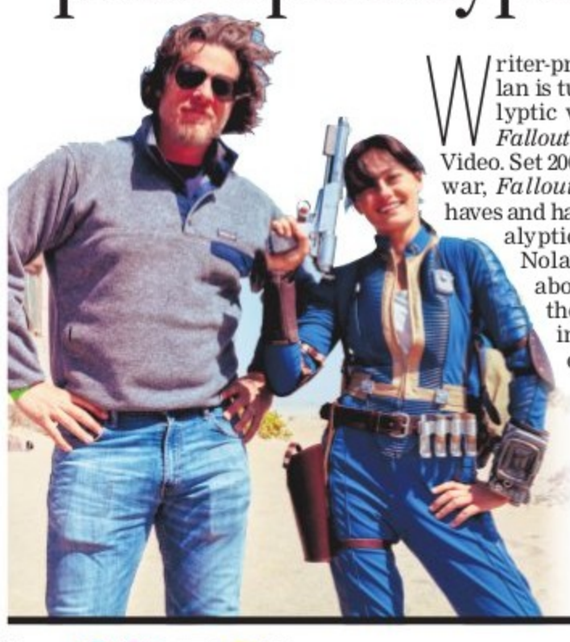
The makers of Vikas Pushpagiri's *Scam 1770* announced that the film is all set to hit theatres on April 12. The team recently unveiled the trailer, which was presented by a paperboy who distributes newspapers in the morning and attends evening college. The trailer of *Scam 1770* sheds light on the shortcomings of the current education system and emphasises the prevalence of scams within the education world.

Devaraj R is producing the upcoming film under the D Creations banner. Ranjan, known for his role as Dodda Praveena in Rishab Shetty's *Sa.Hi.Pra. Shaale,* is set to essay the lead role in *Scam 1770.* "Education has unfortunately turned into a profitable business today, which is disheartening. While habits may come and go, flawed education can significantly complicate life, especially for economically disadvantaged children," explains Vikas Pushpagiri as he speaks on the sidelines of the trailer release.

Scam 1770 stars Nischita as the female lead, alongside Harini, Narayanaswamy, Prashanth, and Raghu Shivamogga in crucial roles. Shankar Raman has co-written the screenplay with the director, while Satish Aryan has composed the film's music.

Beginning of a post-apocalyptic *saga*



Writer-producer Jonathan Nolan is turning the post-apocalyptic video game franchise *Fallout* into a series for Prime Video. Set 200 years after a nuclear war, *Fallout* tells the tale of the haves and have-nots in a post-apocalyptic world. Showrunner Nolan recently opened up about choosing actors for the show. He said, "Casting is a part of the process that I'm most excited about, and it's also the scariest but most rewarding part of this. The writing, even when it's collaborative, working with writers, that's all very intimate, and then suddenly you open it up to casting and you wait to be surprised." Ella Purnell, best known for Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, plays the lead character, Lucy, a vault dweller getting acquainted with the wasteland. Describing Lucy as "someone who would star in a toothpaste commercial but could also kill you," she said, "Sometimes you just know, you kind of feel it in your body. But even so, it was such a surprise that I got the part. I couldn't believe how lucky I got."

Joining Purnell on the show are actors Walton Goggins and Aaron Moten. Kyle MacLachlan, Sarita Choudhury, Michael Emerson, Dale Dickey, and Moises Aris.

Nolan directed the first three episodes of the eight-episode season, and he is also producing it with his spouse, Lisa Joy. Fallout reunites the couple after the sci-fi series Westworld, which premiered on HBO eight years ago and ran for four seasons. The makers of *Fallout* released a trailer earlier this March, and premieres on Prime Video on April 11, 2024.

DASAVARENYA SRI VIJAYADASARU GETS RELEASE DATE

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Madhusudhan Havaldar's upcoming directorial, *Dasavarenya Sri Vijayadasaru*, is all set to hit screens on April 12. The makers announced the film's release date recently, after a screening of the songs. Joshi, who has previously portrayed Sri Vijayadasaru, will now be rendering a comprehensive depiction of the iconic saint, Dasavarenya Sri Vijayadasaru.

Highlighting the significance of such films, Joshi noted the sparse focus on Dasa Parampare in Kannada film history and mentions that Raichur district boasts over 60 eminent Hari Dasa saints, each with substantial contributions.

SPJ Movies, who has previously presented Sri Jagannath Dasaru and Sri Prasanna Venkatadasaru, will now be presenting Dasavarenya Sri Vijayadasaru. The film is bankrolled by Trivikrama Joshi, his third venture in this genre. Director Madhusudhan Havaldar emphasizes that the film's focus is on the Bhakti Movement, aiming to inspire viewers towards virtuous deeds. "We also have, Sri Jagannatha Dasaru Part II in the pipeline, which is scheduled to hit theatres in November," he mentions.

The film has Srilata portraying Vijayadasa's wife Aralamma, alongside Prabhanjan Deshpande and Vijayananda Naik in pivotal roles. The film's music is composed by Vijay Krishna, while JM Prahlad has penned the screenplay and dialogues.

A still from the film